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The Press And Controls

THE protagonists of Press freedom are assembled in London for their annual lament on the inroads that outside control and dictation have made into the liberties of British and Commonwealth newspapers. It is easy to deprecate the interference, easy, too, to underline the danger of the intrusion but more difficult to establish the cause or to offer a remedy.

In many cases, a weak and inefficient Press is to blame for offering inadequate defence of its standards, for supinely accepting outside "direction" and "guidance", for adopting timid and inconsequential policies that are dangerously exposed to exploitation. There is little the Commonwealth Press Union can do for those that do not want or do not try to help themselves.

In many other cases—and perhaps by far the largest number—Governments and other big institutions are to blame. Undoubtedly many elements of the Press have abused the privilege of freedom to the extent that the community is forced to adopt counter-measures for its own protection. But the result is that, today, virtually every newspaper in the free world is hamstrung by red tape, and hemmed in by obstacles and barriers.

THERE are also more powerful forces at work seeking to curb and control the Press. They form part of a widespread malady—an unconscious move in the Free World towards totalitarianism, a tightening up of democracy in face of the dangers of insidious communism. The prevailing belief today is that only strength can match strength. To oppose the militant and totalitarian left, the right must be geared to a higher pitch of resistance. And democracy suffers in consequence. This sophistry creates its own inconsistencies and with them dangers.

The Commonwealth Press Union can perhaps help redress the balance of forces that seek to undermine the freedom of the Press. The casual reader may complain that there are too many pious platitudes uttered at its annual convention, not enough specific instances given of the misuses and abuses of the Press including the more subtle forms of coercion and indirect pressure. Perhaps these cases could be published regularly together with the more flagrant examples of muzzling to expose the besetting dangers. Unless something is done the corrosion will continue unchecked and the free Press will lose its liberty.

Spotlight On The Duke

In tomorrow's episode of "Royal Success Story", the spotlight falls on the Duke of Edinburgh and the important role he is playing in the reign of his wife, the Queen.

Don't miss part two of this new series written by well-known BBC commentator, Richard Dimbleby and published exclusively in the Saturday Mail.

In the Practical Homcraft section we begin a new series on knitting patterns for women's and children's woollies—don't miss this new feature from London which includes the latest fashions for Spring, Autumn and Winter.

These are only two of the highlights in tomorrow's Mail. Watch also for—

★ The Young Hostess at No. 10.

★ Peter Churchill, war-time resistance agent, tells of his wife Odette's premonition in this week's Did It Happen? story.

★ Chapman Pincher reports on the BMA inquiry into hypnosis.

★ Introducing DEUCE—the electronic brain which solves every problem.

There are also your regular favourites including a special week-end women's section, Jane Roberts' film reviews, a Gilles cartoon, Beachcomber, three pages of local and overseas pictures, comic strips, crosswords—a light and easily digestible diet of the best week-end reading in Hongkong. All in the China Mail.

Diplomatic Relations With W. Germany

"Summit Talks" Venue

RUSSIA TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL

London, June 9. The news that Mr. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, had told French government leaders that Russia would accept the West's proposals for time and place of the "Big Four" meeting delighted official quarters here.

Throughout the diplomatic exchanges between East and West on the proposed conference the British government had been confident that initial differences over the site would be overcome.

Switzerland had always been regarded here as the best possible country for the meeting as its neutrality was unchallenged and its hotel and conference facilities good.

Though Geneva was not the original Western choice this was not due to British but to American hesitations about reviving memories of the conference which ended the Indo-China war.

MANY PREPARATIONS

It is hoped here that Russia's formal note of acceptance of the Western proposals will not be long delayed as the physical preparations for the meeting will take some weeks and the opening date, July 18, is only 39 days away.

Speculation continued here today on whether by the time the "summit" meeting takes place the West German Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer, will have arranged to visit Moscow.

The Foreign Office here said today there had been contact between the West German Foreign Ministry and the British Embassy in Bonn on the subject of the Soviet invitation.

Officials expressed gratification that Dr. Adenauer had publicly announced he would consult with his Western allies before deciding whether to go to Moscow.

Whatever the final decision—and the general impression here is that Dr. Adenauer will go—diplomatic quarters are unanimous in hailing the invitation as a triumph for the Chancellor and a vindication of his pro-Western policy.—Reuter.

Bomb Explodes Outside Embassy

Stockholm, June 9. The second bomb in three days directed against the Russians exploded outside the Soviet Embassy tonight and Swedish security police and government officials moved to investigate.

Windows in five houses near the Embassy were broken but the Embassy was undamaged. No one was injured.—United Press.

Affable Spokesman



MR MIKOYAN

RAIL STRIKE

Opposition Heckle Eden

London, June 9. Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, insisted under stormy Opposition heckling today that Britain's striking railway men call off their waltz before wage negotiations are concluded.

Mr. Attlee challenged Sir Anthony's "doctrine" of demanding resumed work before negotiations resume.

Sir Anthony himself pointed out that "conversations" were not to call them "negotiations"—had already started between the Government Railway Commission and the striking Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen's Union (ASLEF).

The preliminary "ice-breaking" talks started last night and ran through a two-hour, 15-minute session today. Their adjournment until tomorrow did not dispel rising hopes of a speedy solution to the crippling railway stoppage.

Mr. Attlee, rising from the Opposition benches in the inaugural session of the new House of Commons following the May 26 general election, today asked Sir Anthony if his public pledge not to negotiate until the strike first ended "was a new doctrine."

Mr. Attlee indicated that the stand taken by Sir Anthony in his "crisis" broadcast last Sunday might prolong the strike. "There was no question of my laying down a new doctrine," Sir Anthony replied as the Socialist benches noisily demanded he re-read the pertinent parts of the Sunday broadcast.

Amid interruptions Sir Anthony quoted the broadcast: "We want to get talks going between the parties. The Board of Conciliation will be ready to help in discussions the moment work begins again."

Sir Anthony added, "Not one word of this is being withdrawn."

Although Sir Anthony insisted that "there is nothing new in that doctrine at all," Mr. Attlee and fellow Socialists continued badgering the Prime Minister.

"I heard that broadcast myself and I was certainly not clear," Mr. Attlee commented.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the third meeting between the striking ASLEF Railroad Union and the Transport Commission will be held at 10 a.m. GMT tomorrow.

Following the adjournment of today's talks, ASLEF General Secretary Mr. Jim Baly refused to say whether the situation was more hopeful.

"Tomorrow morning we will meet and see where we can get from there," he added.

But the fact that talks were continuing inspired headlines in British newspapers that the "walkout may be ended by the week-end—while wage negotiations continue. The strike has cost the railways an estimated £1,000,000 a day in lost revenue since it was launched on May 29 at midnight.—United Press.

No Demands To Be Made ADENAUER VISIT TO MOSCOW

Berlin, June 9.

The Soviet offer of diplomatic relations with West Germany is "unconditional," an authoritative East Berlin source said today.

The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, who has been invited to Moscow, would not be asked to recognise the East German Communist regime or to suspend West German rearmament within the Atlantic Pact as a prerequisite, the source said.

He would of course have to accept the fact that an East German ambassador would "co-exist" in Moscow alongside a West German ambassador.

In the Soviet view this situation merely recognised the existence for the time being of two separate German states.

The source added that the purpose of the invitation to Dr. Adenauer and the establishment of direct diplomatic relations was to facilitate negotiations towards an easing of tension in Europe and "the eventual reunion of Germany."

The short-term aim of the Soviet Union, and her friends, was the establishment of a European security arrangement which would guarantee the territorial integrity of both states and permit the gradual execution of general disarmament along the lines of the Soviet disarmament proposal of May 11.

The long-term aim was the creation of an all-European security organisation—with United States participation if it is so desired—within which a reunited Germany could find security guaranteed by all participants.

NO TIMETABLE In Moscow today, Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan said that the Soviet government "had no timetable" set as to whether Dr. Konrad Adenauer should visit Moscow before or after the four power talks.

Mr. Mikoyan gave this reply when a West German journalist asked him at a British Embassy party whether the Russians had invited Dr. Adenauer on Tuesday, wanted the German Chancellor to come to Moscow to talk about diplomatic and trade relations before the four power "summit" meeting.

"We do not have any calendar or timetable," Mr. Mikoyan replied. Mr. Mikoyan, who is rapidly becoming the most accessible of Russia's "top nine" in informal conversations with Western reporters at Moscow diplomatic parties, was in an affable mood when a group of correspondents questioned him about the "democratic invitation." Asked whether he believed the talks with Dr. Adenauer would be successful, Mr. Mikoyan replied: "Having sent a note to West Germany it is a fact that we consider they would be successful but obviously this does not depend on us alone."

GERMAN'S QUESTION Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Premier, Mr. Mikhail Pervukhin, a First Deputy Premier, and Marshal Georgi Zhukov, Defence Minister, also attended the party, which was held in the Embassy garden to mark Queen Elizabeth's official birthday.

A member of a five-man West German press group visiting Russia as a guest of the Soviet Society for Cultural Relations asked whether the invitation to Dr. Adenauer meant that the Soviet Government no longer considered the Chancellor a "fascist and German militarist." Mr. Mikoyan laughed and shook hands with the German correspondent replying "You understood it as well as I do."

Then he left. Asked about his recent trip to Yugoslavia with Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, and Marshal Bulganin, Mr. Mikoyan said: "We did not go there to achieve a worsening of relations between Yugoslavia and the Western powers." "Some people thought we wanted to worsen relations,

Blazing Ship Drama Woman Survivor Describes Ordeal

London, June 9.

Barbara Svensson, 24-year-old mother of two children, told the story of her hour's ordeal in the oil-covered sea today after jumping from the blazing tanker *Johannisbus*.

The only woman aboard the Swedish ship, she is the wife of the first engineer, Stieg Svensson, who was also rescued.

For an hour she was in the cold water, wearing only her night clothes, a light top coat and a life jacket. For much of the time she clung to the top of a wooden grating and prayed for the safety of her husband.

"I was asleep with my husband in our cabin," she said in Dover tonight, wearing a yellow flowered dress given her by the Seamen's Mission.

"There came a big noise, it was like a bang. We went on deck and there were flames and thick smoke."

NEVER AGAIN

She went on: "After waiting and seeing the fire come near, I jumped into the water and swam until a piece of wood came my way. I had my lifebelt on. I got on the little raft and then just had to wait, shouting and hoping. Help came at last. A little boat picked me up."

"I have been on three voyages with my husband and you ask will I go to sea again, the answer is 'No'."

Stieg Svensson said: "We were together on the rail of my ship. I watched my wife jump into the water and then went myself. I saw her picked up and swam to another boat. She did not know I was alive until informed by phone tonight. I think she was very brave."

"It was like swimming in a huge bowl of fire," said 60-year-old Albert Melin, an injured survivor. "It was a nightmare."

The first engineer, Stieg Svensson, was awakened by the heeling of the ship. He hurried his wife to the rail and looked down into the sea.

"It was an inferno," Svensson said tonight. "I made her jump overboard into a clear space. Then I jumped. We were separated by the waves."

Mrs. Svensson burst into tears of relief when she was landed at Dover by another rescue craft and informed that her husband had been saved.

12 SURVIVORS

The British motorship *Apollo* landed 12 survivors and one dead man at Margate.

Down the English coast at Dover, the German coaster brought six survivors ashore. The Dutch coaster *Arak* landed three more survivors at Dover. Another two survivors were picked up by the British collier *Smouth* and carried to Portsmouth.

But the remaining 18 men who were aboard the *Johannisbus* are missing. A ship radioed from the oil-slicked scene that there could be no more survivors. Thus, it was feared, the death toll was 19.—France-Press and United Press.

FAURE WARNS MOLOTOV

Paris, June 9. The French Premier, Mr. Edgar Faure, cautioned the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov, today against any move to break up the Western defence system, Mr. Faure indicated this evening.

Mr. Faure indicated to Mr. Molotov at a luncheon meeting that the value of Russian bids for reducing world tension should be measured by whether or not the USSR attempted to "create a rupture in an already existing organisation."

Mr. Faure, who was reporting to newsmen on his conversation with Mr. Molotov, said he was not worried over the possibility that talks between West German Chancellor Adenauer and Soviet leaders might lead to a weakening of Western alliances.—France-Press.

Explosion At Police Stn

Limasol, Cyprus, June 9.

An explosion in a British military police station here tonight injured a British sailor and destroyed a staircase.

The town had been plunged into darkness earlier in the evening and the lights had just come on when the explosion occurred.

Both Limasol and Larnaca were without lights for an hour while repairs were in progress to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

Later a police motor launch and the British destroyer *Duchess* lying off Limasol put to sea following rumours that an arms smuggling attempt was being made.—China Mail Special.

Anti-Dumping Duties Legislation

London, June 9.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, said tonight the government's decision to take powers to impose anti-dumping duties on imported goods would allow it to act "when we have need to act."

He was speaking in a debate in the House of Commons which followed the Queen's Speech outlining "the government's legislative programme for the new session of parliament."

The speech had announced that the government would introduce legislation consistent with its obligations to permit the imposition of countervailing and anti-dumping duties on imported goods.

PROTECTION

Political sources said this meant that steps would be taken to protect Lancashire textile industry against anything that might be regarded as unfair competition from Japan which exports textiles in considerable quantities.

Alluding to the proposed new legislation, Sir Anthony Eden said that under existing law the government had no power to take preventive action.

"What we proposed to do is to introduce the necessary legislation to allow us to act when we have need to act," he said.—Reuter.

FAMOUS EXPRESS RAMS A TRAIN

Rome, June 9.

The famous Orient Express on its run from Milan to Paris tonight crashed headlong into a goods train at the tiny station of Premosello near the north Italian frontier.

The crash was of extreme violence as the express was running at about 60 miles an hour.

The Orient's driver was killed on the spot and many passengers injured.

Rescue teams were rushed to the scene from nearby Domodossola.

A tanker wagon on the goods train caught fire, and the overhead electric cable collapsed, sending showers of sparks into the air.

The spreading flames increased the panic of the passengers on the Orient express and many of these in carriages that had not been overturned, jumped down on to the rails and sought the safety of nearby fields.

Cries of pain arose from the overturned sections of the express and as night fell on the scene of smoke, flame and debris, it looked like a place under bombardment.—France-Press.

Czech Spies Sentenced

Prague, June 9.

Four Czech nationals were sentenced to long prison terms here today by the Military Senate of the Supreme Council after being found guilty on a charge of being "American spies."

The principal defendant, Alois Hadjuk, got life imprisonment. He was convicted of having organised an espionage network in Czechoslovakia and of having passed military information to American intelligence.

The public prosecutor stressed in his speech that American espionage centres in West Germany had been much more active recently, particularly since the ratification of the Paris agreements.—France-Press.

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West Could Beat Reds In All-out War

LONG-RANGE AIR POWER THE DECISIVE FACTOR

Washington, June 9.

General Alfred Gruenther, Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation forces, said here today the West could defeat Russia in all-out war.

He told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee this was primarily because of the West's long range air capabilities.

General Gruenther told the Committee West Germany's contribution would permit NATO to extend its European defences "much farther forward than we can now."

NO PROBLEM

He also told reporters afterwards that the recent Yugoslav-Russia conference in Belgrade had "not created any military problem."

Committee members said the General supported continued Western military aid to Yugoslavia on the grounds of her continued independence. General Gruenther said he believed the United States "still holds a substantial superiority over the Russians in long-range air power" and could continue to hold the edge.

The US Air Force has recently ordered a speed-up in long-range bomber production after a controversy over the relative strength of US and Russian air power.

General Gruenther said they must in no circumstances permit a weakening of their effort to build West Europe's defence. — Reuter.

NEW SUICIDE METHOD

Paris, June 9. Robert Harratt, 48-year-old lift operator, used his elevator to kill himself, police reported.

They said Harratt rode to the seventh floor of the building where he worked, walked down to the sixth floor, put his head through the railings of the lift cage, and pressed the "down" button. The lift broke his neck. — China Mail Special.

A GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP

Jap General Goes Back To Thailand

Bangkok, June 9. General Eketo Nakamura, Japanese Commander-in-Chief in Thailand when the infamous "death railway" was built during World War II, arrived here today as guest of the Thai police.

About 40,000 British, Australian and Dutch troops and an unknown number of Asians died building the railway through some of the toughest jungle in the world to link Burma with Thailand.

Thai police invited the General as a gesture of friendship for his goodwill to Thailand during the war, a police spokesman said.

TOKEN RESISTANCE

Thailand made a token resistance to the Japanese, was overrun by the Japanese Army and after concluding a treaty with Japan declared war on the Allies.

General Eketo Nakamura was accompanied by his wife, Madame Shizue Nakamura and Mr. Saburo Hatano, secretary.

Other members of the party were Messrs Kazuo Machino and Takeo Konishi. — China Mail Special.

Magistrate Would Be Annoyed

Singapore, June 9. A Magistrate told a young and pretty woman detective that he would be annoyed at detectives knocking at his room door in the middle of the night to see his identity card.

The woman detective was giving evidence in a case in which the manager of a Chinese hotel was accused of not entering in the hotel register the particulars of a couple the woman detective found in one of the rooms in one of her "middle of the night" raids.

Explaining the procedure of the case the pretty woman detective told the Court she would knock at the hotel room door and ask for identity cards when it was opened.

The Magistrate, Mr. Devereux Coulbourn, said smilingly, "I would certainly be annoyed at detectives coming to knock at my door in the middle of the night to see my identity card—even a charming detective like you."

The hotel manager was fined \$15000. — United Press.

New Red Hair Styles

Vienna, June 9. The State-controlled hair dressers of Czechoslovakia are to get courses in new hair styles, the newspaper Svobodne Slovo reported.

It said that experts from the Kadermlovci (Hair Dressers Corporation) in Prague had designed three new styles for Czechoslovak women. These showed a complete change from the short styles which Communist women favoured up to now to new longer hair styles. — China Mail Special.

First Stop The City



How one man overcame the absence of trains—on the way to the City, passing over London Bridge. — Central Press Photo.

BELGIAN SCHOOL BILL

Passed In Longest Ever Session

Brussels, June 9.

The Belgian Lower House tonight passed the Government's controversial school bill in the first reading after the longest session in parliamentary history.

The three-week debate ended with a 34-hour session which began yesterday morning and broke the previous record set up in 1935, by nearly ten hours.

100 AMENDMENTS The Catholic Opposition fought the bill at every stage and tabled more than 100 amendments.

The bill's second reading and the final vote will be held on Monday. No overall vote was taken tonight as each article was passed by a separate vote. The Socialist Liberal Government's reforms, which have caused serious rioting in Brussels and stormy sessions in the Lower House, make several structural changes in the country's secondary educational system.

They give the State the right to create "official non-denominational" schools, wherever they are needed; reduce subsidies by 500 million francs (\$3,500,000) to Catholic schools and introduce a new system under which the State instead of the schools will pay Catholic teachers their salaries direct.

The Government tabled several amendments to the original bill but the Opposition claimed these were insufficient. Roman Catholics claim the bill will destroy their schools. — Reuter.

Nationalist Plane Shot Down

Taipei, June 9.

Chinese Nationalist Air Force headquarters here tonight confirmed a claim made from Peking that a Nationalist warplane was brought down on June 5 by Communist anti-aircraft fire.

A communique from Nationalist Air Force Headquarters stated that the plane, piloted by Second-Lieutenant Chu Ting-yu, was hit over Swatow, while apparently attacking a Communist oil tanker of 2,000 tons and an 800-ton gunboat which were in the area.

The communique said that Chu tried to guide his crippled plane towards Quemoy but crashed at sea where he was believed killed, as a subsequent search failed to locate him.

The communique added that Lieutenant Chu was conducting a scouting patrol with other Nationalist planes when he was hit. — France-Press.

Radar Inventor Caught By Radar

Chicago, June 9.

Sir Robert Watson-Watt, inventor of radar, was asked on a radio programme here if he felt that radar was effective in motor traffic control.

"Very effective," he replied. "I was picked up by radar in Canada for speeding. It cost me twelve dollars and fifty cents." — China Mail Special.

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Faure's Invitation To Russia Only Social One

Bonn, June 9.

Sources close to the West German Government considered today's invitation to the French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, to visit Moscow as part of a new Soviet "cordiality offensive" aimed at weakening Western prejudices about Soviet intentions.

They saw it as another link in the chain of events including the Austrian State treaty, the Belgrade visit of Soviet leaders and the invitation to Moscow of Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor.

The sources thought these moves were designed to picture the Soviet Union as seriously interested in reducing world tension and creating a good climate for the planned four-power conference next month. Diplomatic sources in Washington minimised the importance of the invitation.

POLITE FORM

They pointed out that according to press reports the invitation had been extended by Mr. Molotov in a polite and social rather than a diplomatic or political form.

The invitation was not therefore yet to be compared to the formal one extended in a Soviet Note earlier this week to the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, to visit Moscow and discuss the restoration of West German-Soviet relations.

These sources, however, did not exclude the possibility that at some later date the Soviet Government might formally invite the French Premier to visit Moscow.

This would be in line with the emphasis now being placed by Soviet diplomacy on bilateral consultations as a means of relaxing world tension.

They pointed to the intensive series of such conferences in which Soviet leaders have been engaged recently with statesmen of India, Yugoslavia, Japan and Austria.—Reuter.

ONE THING LED TO ANOTHER

Durban, June 9.
A circus night watchman went to sleep on the job last night and set off this chain reaction of disasters.

First, a leopard escaped from its cage. The watchman awakened to find the beast pulling the blanket from him.

Next, a baby elephant stepped on the leopard with its trunk. The leopard, provoked by attacking a group of trained Shetland ponies, killing two.

A pygmy-clad ring-master was awakened by the uproar and chased the escaped leopard with a kitchen chair.

Five patrols of police joined the chase after the ring-master had driven the leopard through the streets in the direction of the railway station.

The leopard finally was cornered and shot to death in the railway yard.

The night watchman left, explaining that he was seeking a new job.—United Press.



Intense Diplomatic Activity In Cairo

Cairo, June 9.

Intense diplomatic activity took place here today, aimed at easing the tension between Israel and Egypt.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Henry Byroade, had a two-hour talk with the Egyptian Prime Minister, Lieut-Colonel Abdel Nasser, while the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Daniel Solod, talked for the same period to the Minister of National Orientation, Major Salam Salem.

The Soviet Ambassador who is due to go on leave, announced today that he was postponing his departure for a few days. But neither he nor Mr. Byroade would give any details about their conversations with the Egyptian Ministers, saying simply that they had examined the situation in a general way and in the interest of peace in the Middle East.

SITUATION GRAVE
Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mr. Mahmoud Fawzi, said today that "the situation in the Gaza sector is extremely grave but that the Western powers and the Soviet Union are acting to maintain peace in the Palestinian frontier."

The Minister also announced that the Egyptian Government intended to improve economic relations with Communist China.—France-Press.

Hungarian Teddy Boys

Vienna, June 9.
Hooligans known locally as "Jampers" or "Jampl" were increasing in number in the Moson district of Hungary, a local newspaper complains.

They wore clothes of light yellow, green, red or blue trousers, narrow in the leg and wide over the ankles, shoes with thick rubber soles and adopted foreign names such as "Jacky," "Billy" and "Bobby."—China Mail Special.

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Slow Moving Traffic

New York, June 9.
State police have warned motorists against a new road hazard—giant turtles.
Police said several motorists had reported seeing such turtles crossing a super highway near Syracuse. It was possible for a motorist to lose control of his car if he struck a turtle of that size, police said.—China Mail Special.

DECREASE IN LONDON CRIME

London, June 9.
Crime decreased in London for the third year in succession in 1954, it was announced here today.

A report by Sir John Nott Bower, chief of the London Metropolitan Police, disclosed that indictable offences known to the police last year totalled just under 94,000.

This is 5,500 fewer than in 1953 and for the first time since the war below the figure for 1938.

The report also showed that the number of people killed or injured in road accidents in the capital last year was 912 per cent greater than in 1933.

Between 1952 and 1954 the number of motor vehicles on the roads rose by 10 per cent and "the streets of Central London just cannot absorb any more vehicles during normal working hours," the report said.—China Mail Special.

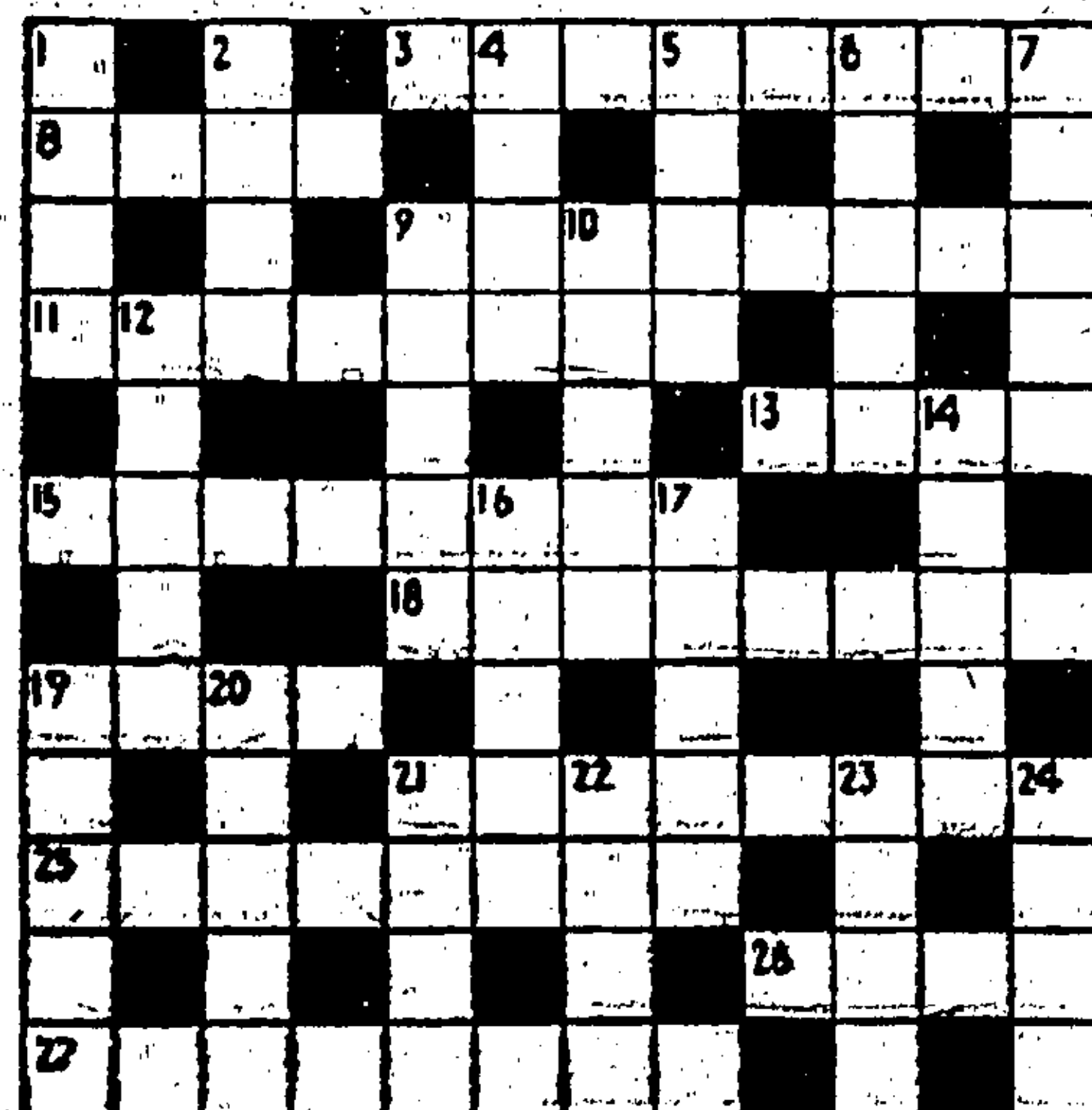
Girl Caught In Cogs

Capetown, June 9.
While a young girl screamed with pain a motor mechanic climbed about 12 feet up a drive shaft of a disused mechanical merry-go-round in Brooklyn, near Capetown, and used oxy-acetylene equipment to cut away two steel cogs which had crushed one of her legs.

The girl, eight-year-old Martha Fourie, was admitted to hospital with a compound fracture of her leg and severe lacerations.

An ambulance driver, one of several who tried to pull the girl's leg from the cogs, said that the girl had climbed to the top of the shaft. While sitting on the top with her legs dangling down, other children had revolved the merry-go-round and the girl's leg was caught in two cogs near to the top.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Slaughter (8).
8 Wine (4).
9 Strove to equal (8).
11 Whole (8).
13 Jab (4).
15 Softened (8).
18 Instructed (8).
19 Grieved (4).
21 Sighting (8).
23 Village (8).
25 Common fund (4).
27 Abandoned (8).

DOWN
1 Smart (4).
2 Dress (4).
4 Highest point (4).
5 Auction (4).
6 Provide for (5).
7 Flashed (5).
9 Animal (5).
10 Extreme (5).
12 Cookers (5).
14 Sea (8).
16 Sky (5).
17 Evil spirit (5).
19 Was painful (5).
20 Engages (5).
21 Medicament (4).
22 Enature (4).
24 Kind of bird (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Rumpus, 4 Throb, 7 Indicate, 8 Agile, 9 Silent, 11 Lessons, 13 Settles, 15 Tilled, 18 Green, 19 Greeting, 20 Tudor, 21 Sprout, Down: 1 Ruins, 2 Prize, 3 Starke, 4 Treats, 5 Reluctant, 6 Breeds, 10 Laimered, 12 Eternity, 13 Signet, 14 Linger, 16 Later, 17 Dignity.

Latest Steps Reduce World Tension

Moscow, June 9.

Mr. Nehru, Prime Minister of India, stood beneath a bible painting in a Kremlin banquet hall tonight and told Russia's top leaders: "Blessed are the peace makers."

Facing Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Communist Party Secretary, Mr. Nehru declared:

"The time has come for the peace makers of the world, especially those in authority to refuse wrong courses which lead to violence and conflict."

UTTERLY MISTAKEN

"Out of conflict only evil can come. Out of hatred nothing good can come. Those who think that through violence they can reach peace are utterly mistaken."

Mr. Nehru responding to a toast by Marshal Bulganin addressed all the top leaders of the Soviet Government and foreign diplomats as well as 500 other senior Soviet officials at a banquet given in his honour by the Soviet Prime Minister at the end of the third day of his official visit to the Soviet Union.

Mr. Nehru declared: "Through your efforts and the efforts of other great countries we can get out of fear to peace."

Mr. Nehru told the Russian leaders that the Soviet Union had great responsibilities "which are shared today by few other countries."

He added: "I have no doubt that these great responsibilities will be used in the cause of peace which we cherish, you cherish and we all cherish."

The Indian Prime Minister said, too much had been heard of threats and counter-threats. There was too much talk about settling issues by armed force and by the threat of armed force.

Mr. Nehru said he was sure every intelligent person must realize that disputed issues could not be settled in this way. "I believe the time has come when there should be a definite turn in the destiny of the world even though there is ever present suspicion of war. The world should turn its eyes and face towards peace."

HAND OF PEACE

"Your great country can play a vital part. I hope your hand stretched out for peace will be held, by others," Mr. Nehru told the Russians.

THIRSTY DAYS AHEAD

Tokyo, June 9.
TEN million gallons of beer are stored at 13 breweries throughout the country. But thirsty people today wondered how long the present beer strike will tie up barrelling and bottling the drink.

All production stopped on June 8 and union leaders predicted today that the current stock of draught beer will not last longer than five days. Empty casks are piled up at all the breweries.

SIGNS UP
Neighbourhood dealers already had "no beer" signs posted in the windows as the public tried to stock up. Most Japanese buy bottled beer, ice cold from nearby stores just before they drink it at home because of the lack of home refrigerator space during the hot season.

Today the stores were replacing the "ice cold beer" advertisements with "no beer" notices—just as the temperature started reaching the 80's and the summer heatwave got underway.

The unions are demanding an 11 per cent wage boost. The management agrees to only four per cent, and no prospects of an agreement are yet in sight.—United Press.

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DID IT HAPPEN?

AN INCIDENT AT BATH...

I WAS in Government service when the war exploded. The Department in which I served was evacuated to Bath on very short notice—so short that I was advised to take a couple of blankets as billets might be somewhat "primitive."

When I arrived at Bath Station, I was told to go to a large hut in Parade Gardens—where I should learn the name and address of my billeting.

I went to the hut, and in due course was handed a type-written slip, "Lady Bicknell, Mount Trevor Hall."

"A tartar"

The house was nearly two miles away at the top of a steep hill. I collected my suitcases and eventually got a taxi.

Directly I gave the driver the address, he looked at me with an odd expression, then asked: "You billeted there? You are! Well, I hope you stay longer than servants do. They average about a fortnight, Lady B. is a Tartar all right."

He tapped his forehead significantly, then added: "Yes, about a fortnight. The last maid I took there I asked her if she'd like me to wait."

"What's the family consist of?" "There's no family. She's lived alone in that great house since her husband died. God knows how long ago that was! Proper Tartar I can tell you!"

I pondered this information till the taxi reached the top of the hill, then turned sharply to the right.

Fanatic

Mount Trevor Hall had a spacious courtyard, over which the tranquil aura of a long-vanished age brooded benevolently. At the back was a many-terraced garden, bounded by a wood, through which a serpentine path led to the stables. One wing of the house was comparatively modern—the rest had been built in 1789.

It seemed strange to me that Lady Bicknell had lived alone in this great house for years and years.

Out of the blitz came many human stories, to be told by writers who deal in FACT and those who create FICTION. The incident related here might have happened—but did it? That is the talking point you are given every day in these stories.

by CLAUDE HOUGHTON

Claude Houghton belongs to the select company of a few who have succeeded in reconciling civil service with literary inspiration. Like P. G. Wodehouse, he has worked as an accountant since the 1914-18 war. Like Trollope, W. G. Jacobs, and Nicholas Monsarrat, it is as a novelist—he has written 20—that he has won international esteem. G. K. Chesterton praised his first book of verse, and plays and short stories have also nourished from his prolific pen. Educated at Dulwich College, he is married, and lives at Amersham.

I'll not forget my first impression of her. Nearly 60, thin, to emaciation, features fanatical, pale eyes—and a cloud of rebellious wispy-white hair. If King Lear had had a wife—in Shakespeare's play—it would be nice casting to give Lady Bicknell the part. She came of a very old, distinguished military family—and her voice proclaimed that fact. She had a fanatical belief in the virtues of "blood." For her, blood was everything.

I was given a room in the old part of the house.

The taxi driver had not exaggerated her treatment of servants. They came and went with bewildering rapidity. She always referred to them as "They"—in a tone which implied that they were orang-outangs.

For the first few weeks I dined alone, then her ladyship decided that I should dine with her.

Now and again friends of hers dined with us. Their conversation was a new experience for me.

"Do you know the Friends?" "Oh, yes! You mean the Berkshire Friends?"

Someone new

Every name mentioned was instantly linked with that of a country. This gave me the strange sensation that the population of England had dwindled to a few families. To the first time in my life, I suffered from claustrophobia.

In due course the bombing started. Almost every night German bombers roared overhead on their way to Bristol. Rationing became stricter; servants harder to get.

When I came in one evening I encountered a new maid—Dora. About 17, magnificent autumn hair, resolute features, fine eyes. She carried herself well and—as I subsequently discovered—had instinctive tact.

During dinner, when we were alone, Lady Bicknell said: "I've made a find. I've got a new maid—Dora. She's been in service at a good house. Do let me know what you think of her. Her father's in the Mercantile Marine. She went into service because she wanted to educate herself. You know what I mean. Most superior girl! Such a relief after the brutes we've had."

Before long Lady Bicknell was deeply attached to Dora. It was a miracle. Dora might have been her daughter. She once said to me that she'd be proud to go to the Royal Garden Party with Dora.

"There's something about that girl, isn't there? You know what I mean?" "Yes, there is something about her."

Then came the night of the Bath raid. I'll never know why—when the siren sounded that night—I got up and dressed. I'd never done that before—and there had been hundreds of warnings. Literally hundreds.

Explosions

As I went downstairs, three terrific explosions shook the house. I found Lady Bicknell and Dora—in a flimsy nightdress and a light dressing gown—in the drawing room. I was about to make an inane remark when four shattering explosions, in quick succession, rocked the house.

I said I'd go and see what was happening.

I opened the front door. Raging fires—flares—tracer bullets—ominous columns of smoke. Everything looked like hell on Guy Fawkes Night. As far as I could see, the big building in the vicinity, it would clearly be regarded as an eminently desirable target.

I turned—to find Dora studying the scene with complete detachment. The airplanes were so low that you could clearly see the Swastikas on them. Bath had no defences of any kind.

"We'll have to get her out of the house," Dora said slowly. "She won't want to come because she's certain that everything she values, her way of life, is in that house."

"But you've next to nothing on!" "Can't help that. There's no time to waste. You wait here."

"Safer inside"

A few minutes later she returned, supporting the fragile Lady Bicknell, who asserted that it was quite unnecessary to leave the house—and that the Germans were making even greater fools of themselves than usual.

"Besides, my dear child, you can't go into that revolting tunnel dressed like that. Why take unnecessary risks? It's much safer in the house."

"I'm all right. Come on."

A bomb fell about two hundred yards away, creating a dense cloud of dust. Breathing with difficulty, we groped towards the opening of the tunnel. Three steep stone steps led into it. Some weeks ago Dora had put three chairs in the tunnel—"Just in case."

The raid increased in intensity. Over an hour passed. The only thing that disturbed Lady Bicknell was Dora's wholly inadequate attire. The raid did not exist for her. At last her concern became so emphatic that Dora said she'd go into the house for more clothes.

On the garden

I said I'd go, but Dora was certain that I wouldn't know what to get. So, despite friendly protests from her ladyship, Dora left the tunnel.

"Get one of my fur coats, child."

She crouched over the top step, watching Dora. And there she remained—her cloud of wispy white hair intermittently and fantastically fanned by blast. She looked like the three witches in Macbeth rolled into one.

When Dora crossed the courtyard on her return, two incendiaries fell almost at her feet. She got some earth from a flower bed—extinguished the incendiaries—then joined the impatient Lady Bicknell who had gone to meet her.

A few minutes later a bomb fell in the garden, with the result that the courtyard was no longer visible, and the tunnel was filled with acrid dust. I did not know whether the bomb was a large or small one, but it made a noise like the end of the world.

Dora said to me in a whisper: "We'd better see if the house is still there."

All clear

"But when we emerged from the tunnel, the immediate problem was breathing and, anyhow, smoke, dust and debris made it impossible to see anything. I had little doubt that when the air cleared, it would be tragically obvious that Mount Trevor Hall had slid to shapeless ruin."

"It will kill her—if it's gone!" "You think so, Dora?" "I'm certain. It's much more than a house to her. Difficult to say what I mean. It's—her family. It's all the past. It's tradition. You know—everything she values. Her way of life. To her, that house is—"

"England?" "Yes, that's right—England." "Perhaps it is, to her."

When the air became clearer, the house dimly emerged—but the modern wing had been hit. The all-clear went at dawn. A dense mass of stationary smoke hung over Bath. Birds were singing rapturously.

Some weeks later—just before Dora joined one of the women's services—I was with Lady Bicknell in the drawing room, when a visitor was announced.

I went to my room but, a quarter of an hour later, Dora came to tell me that Lady Bicknell wanted to see me.

"She seems very excited about something."

"She does?"

"Very."

I went to the drawing room to find an exultant Lady Bicknell impatiently waiting for me.

"That was the vicar from Clavering. He has just gone. I haven't seen him for a long time. Clavering is near Dora's home. I told him what a grand person Dora is."

After a pause, she went on:

"He told me something in confidence. I can't mention names, of course. He told me that Dora is the illegitimate daughter of Lord C."

She added: "Directly I saw her I knew she had good blood! I can always tell. And I'm never wrong."

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this panel by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given—with another story in this series by...

PETER CHURCHILL

Old yesterday's story—Two Caps of Coffee, by Robert Henriques—actually happen? The answer is: YES.

They Just Never Go To Sleep

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

London. COWS suffer so much from insomnia that they never get to sleep during the whole of their lives, a scientist claims.

Dr Clive Balch has been watching them day and night. He found he could never creep up on a cow unseen or unheard.

A cow, he says, may sometimes shut its eyes sleepily for a few moments, but it never loses consciousness. And the trouble is—DIGESTION.

If a cow lies down on its side for more than a minute or two its stomach cannot work properly and it develops severe indigestion. So a cow can only sit down to rest and even then it has to keep its head up.

Most of the time a cow is lying down it has to keep its jaws moving to chew the cud and this makes sleep impossible.

Dr Balch used an automatic device at the National Institute for Dairying Research, Reading, to see if his cows ever nodded off while he was not looking.

He found that a cow's deep breathing rarely lasts for more than five minutes at a time.

"Observations of the cows during several periods of slow, deep breathing disclosed no loss of consciousness," he reports in the scientific journal, Nature.

Any more insomnia on the farm? Yes. Another scientist has told Dr Balch that sheep, too, never sleep.

And zoo keepers say deer, antelope, and probably "camels have the same trouble."

And Cats

LEFT-HANDED cats are twice as common as right-handed cats, Mr John Cole, an Oxford University scientist, reports after careful cat-watching experiments.

Mr Cole tested the paw preferences of 60 cats by showing them a piece of meat in a glass tube. The cats could get the meat only by putting one paw into the tube and clawing it out.

Each cat was tested 100 times while Mr Cole noted which paw it used for the job.

He found that two cats in every 10 constantly used the right hand while twice as many were left-handed. The rest were ambidextrous, using one paw no more often than the other.

Cats which had a strong preference for using a particular paw seemed to be brighter than the ambidextrous cats at figuring out how to get the meat.

The experiments were part of a research programme to investigate left-handed tendencies in animals generally. Mr Cole has already shown that many monkeys are left-handed.

Atom Fuel

BRITISH atom scientists have succeeded in "breeding" atomic fuel. It is officially revealed in a report published of work at the Harwell atom station.

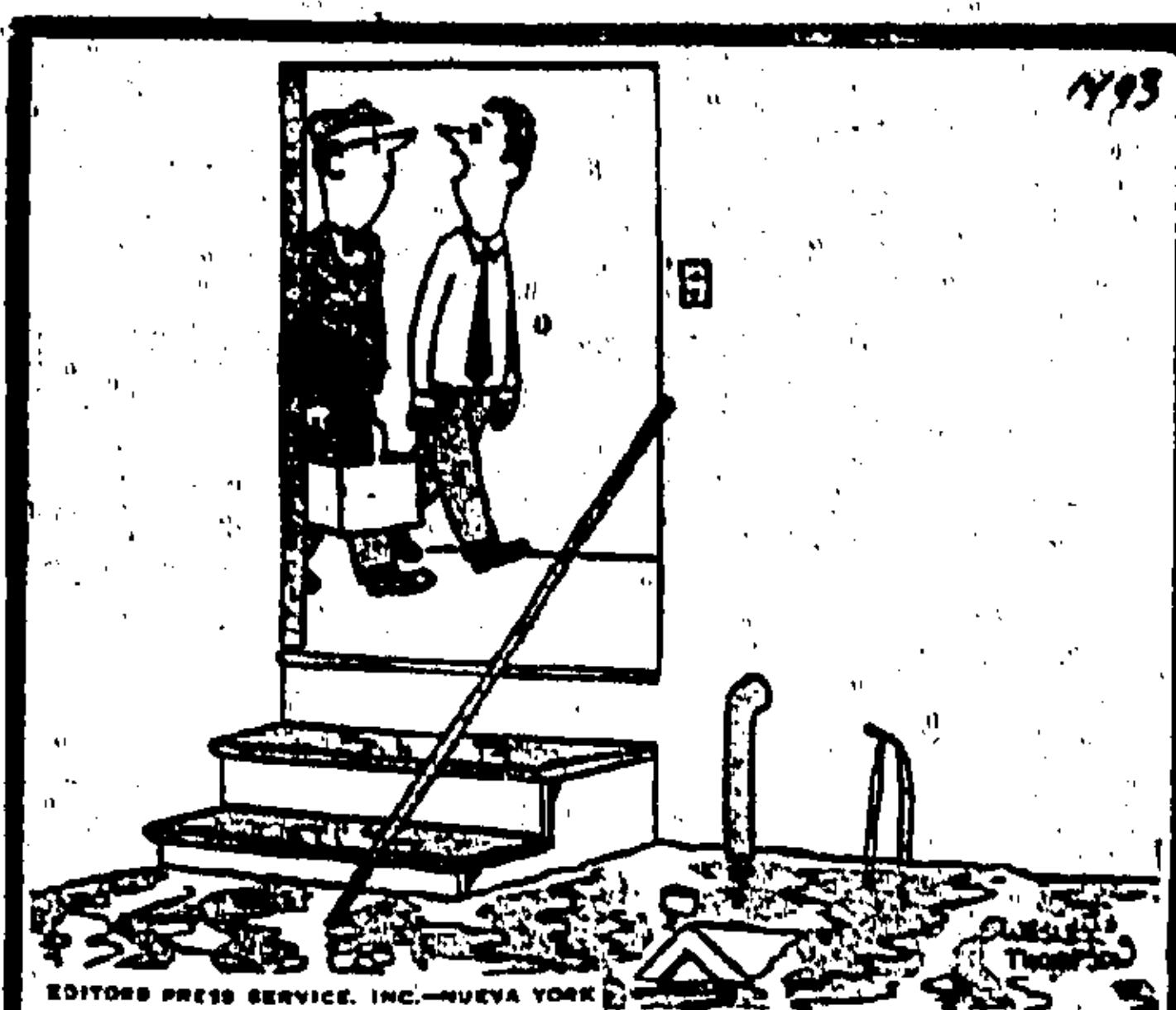
This means that atomic power stations can so be built that as fast as they "burn up" uranium fuel they generate more for further use.

There will now be no shortage of cheap atomic fuel for power stations.



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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

BORN today, you are one of those honest, straightforward individuals who do as he thinks, come what may. You seldom, if ever, depend upon others to suggest a course of action. In fact, you can become stubborn on a given matter and nothing will change your mind. You might find it easier to get along with others if you would permit yourself to be a little more flexible in this regard.

You have a magnetic personality that attracts others into your orbit. You will have a host of friends and acquaintances. You have one handicap—you are inclined to become restless and bored if you find yourself stuck in a routine job where you cannot use your imagination or initiative. Don't go from one thing to another without good reason, however. First, find something new—and

then move onward and upward. But hand on to what you have until something better makes its appearance.

You have a keen sense of humor; are gay and lively at all times. Nothing seems to keep your good spirits in check. You are loving and affectionate and can be influenced by those you love. Wed while young, for you will never be completely happy without your own home and family.

Among those born on this date are: Sir Edwin Arnold, poet; Caroline Hazard, educator; John Jacob Astor, merchant; Henry M. Stanley, explorer; Virginia Valli, actress.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—This can prove an unexpectedly happy weekend for you. Some surprises can be very pleasant ones.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—The aspects are excellent for a business trip or just a visit—whichever is on your schedule.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be prepared to face the unexpected today and you will be able to cope with any emergency.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—You may have to spend some time catching up on chores that have been neglected recently.

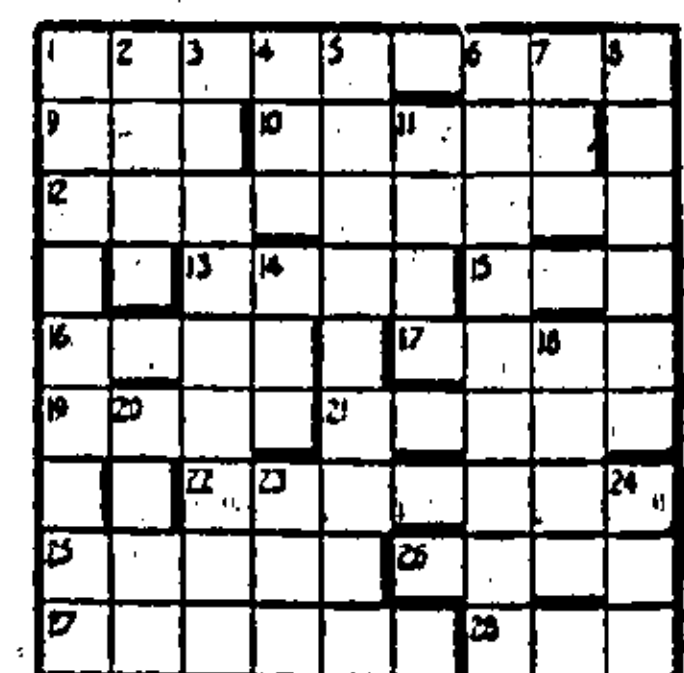
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Get out of doors, if you can, for the fresh air will do you the world of good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You may need to be firm in a situation that calls for making an important decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Guard your personal effects carefully lest you suffer a loss. Just take your time!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You may need to do some shopping. Make sure that you get full value for the money you spend.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Man in train (anag.). (9)
 2. Many a happy above goes with a swing on this. (3)
 3. These may be far from the land. (6, 9)
 4. The fruit is quiet before the ear. (4)
 5. Had one to a cad. (3)
 6. "We're your money," said a Marquis of Halifax. (6)
 7. Swallow this if so graceful. (4)
 8. Twin lough of Ireland. (4)
 9. Very nearly a bull's eye. (6)
 10. The end of this is for of adventure fiction around. (7)
 11. Say "Hello" for instance. (4)
 12. Mailed without the doctor. (4)
 13. Taster reannounced. (6)
 14. You're not ground here for a big drive. (3)
- Down
1. Youth turns into this, eventually. (5)
 2. Ruler remark may result when someone turns on this. (4)
 3. If you make these, you know all the answers. (9)
 4. A reproach—or an old Egyptian king. (3)
 5. Sure thing (anag.). (9)
 6. Chin is in the mail. (9)
 7. Stunged is urged to go to one. (3)
 8. Swallow is mine, said the poet. (4)
 9. Echoing in slang, from the audience. (4)
 10. The middle of the shekel. (3)
 11. The end of the week. (3)
 12. 10 goes with the Latin word, but not the Greek. (4)
 13. Every one has the kind of aversion. (4)
 14. The cat gets around. (3)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Opening Lead Was Key Tip-Off Here

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN West opened the queen of hearts in today's hand, it was clear that East had the ace of hearts. Few experts lead away from an ace-queen against a suit contract, and West wasn't one of that unselective few. Declarer therefore played a low heart from dummy and continued to play low hearts when the suit was continued.

South finally ruffed the third round of hearts, drew two rounds of trumps, cashed the top diamonds and ruffed his low diamond in dummy. With the red suits thus stripped out of the partnership hands, declarer led a low club from dummy.

East had watched the proceedings with great interest and could see that South intended to duck a trick to West. In the hope of preventing this, East put up the ten of clubs. This defensive play didn't help East in this particular hand, but it's easy to see how it

NORTH			
♠	K 10 6 5		
♥	K 8 4		
♦	9 8		
♣	7 5 3		
WEST			
♠	7 2		
♥	Q J 10 9		
♦	J 6 5 2		
♣	K J 8		
EAST			
♠	A 9 3		
♥	A 7 6 3		
♦	Q 10 7 3		
♣	10 4 2		
SOUTH (D)			
♠	A Q J 8 4		
♥	5 3		
♦	A K 4		
♣	A Q 9		
North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ Q			

might have helped. Just give West the nine of clubs and South the eight of clubs, and East's defensive play would defeat the contract.

If South then let the ten of clubs hold, East would lead another club and if South covered the ten with the queen of clubs, the finesse would lose and West would have another sure club trick with his jack-nine.

As it happened, of course, South had the nine of clubs. He could well afford to cover the ten of clubs with his queen, losing to the king. Now if West returned a club from his jack-eight to the ace-nine, South would get a free finesse; and if West led anything else South would ruff in the dummy, discarding the nine of clubs in his own hand.

Incidentally, East wouldn't have been in a hurry to put up the ten of clubs against a poor player. If East had played low, South was going to win the nine of clubs, losing the trick to West but assuring a favourable return lead.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East 1 Heart Pass 2 Spades Pass

You, South, hold: ♠ A 8 3 ♥ A K J 8 5 ♦ K J 10 4 3

What do you do?
A—Bid three hearts or three spades. You intend to slam eventually but should give your partner a chance to show more about his hand.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♠ K 8 3 ♥ A Q J 8 ♦ K J 10 4 3

What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

A CORRESPONDENT asks if I am not ashamed, at my age, to hand the wheel to a clerk-room attendant. It is only the young who are ashamed of their hands—and with good cause.

Clerk-room attendants think that only a millionaire could afford to be seen in a hat like mine, and anyhow, as long as they get their tip, they don't care a rap whether you hand them a rimless bowler or a straw hat without a crown. Again, a vile hat may get the clerk-room a good name, especially if you have a coronet stamped on the lining. You are at once mistaken for a peer up to the fellocks in mortgage, and struggling bravely along by throwing open the family place to non-pedigree herds of listeners and viewers. Sometimes you can touch the slony heart of an attendant by saying, "Handle it carefully. It is my last."

Down in the forest NOW, that dieticians have discovered the nutritive properties of the acorn on stagnant pools there will be a stampede. Can you not hear the thundering feet, the wild cries, as the maddened beasts break through the undergrowth and throw themselves down on all fours on

the margin of a pool like a crowd of thirsty Arabs at an oasis? You, Mr. Thunston! You, Mr. Greig, that the ambrosial nourishment may course through your veins like mud! Lap it up, Mildred! Come, Rivington! All you have to do is to pretend, it is spinach. What! Another helping, Melisande! Your picnic is always so surprising, Mrs. Frazer. Stanley! Come here! You'll ruin your appetite for the smoked grass.

Nobody seems to know

ASKED whether they approved or disapproved, 49 percent said they approved and 32 percent said they disapproved. Asked what they approved or disapproved of, 108 percent said they didn't know. The Survey showed that of the 48 percent who approved, 18 percent were men under 34 with fair hair, 21 percent were women over 28 with large feet and dark eyebrows. A leading voter who asked the poll questionmaster what bearing all this had on the election, was struck off the list of questioners and asked to resign from the Poll-Club. He was also blacklisted by Mrs. Multifarious Study Circle, and warned not to use the undergrowth and throw himself down on all fours on

WOMANSENSE

BIG HAT!



The big 'hat' is gaining its popularity everywhere. Shown above is the newest-of-all version in deep blue smooth straw with an off-lace brim and a chiffon scarf (by Otto Lucas).

Tomorrow, at a church in San Diego, the American tennis prodigy Maureen Connolly will wear a wedding dress specially made in Britain...

Little Mo Is Sentimental About The Lucky "Petal" Motif

London. WHEN Maureen Connolly (Little Mo), three times World Tennis Champion, is married at St Patrick's Church, San Diego, USA, on June 11, she will be wearing a dress designed by Teddy Tinning, the man who put the lace frills on "Gorgeous Gussie's" parties for Wimbledon.

Her Princess-style dress with conventional long-sleeved bodice is made of frost white Nottingham lace. The skirt is composed of six petal panels each edged with applique lace scallops and sprays of lily of the valley, the traditional bridal flower of America.

"SOMETHING BLUE"

The lace is worn over a foundation of white satin, with strapless boned bodice, and hem and train scalloped with applique nylon lace.

Tinning's contribution to the old adage "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" lies in a blue ribbon trimming which edges the inside of the bodice and the hem.

The satin and lace wedding dress will be worn over a white silk chiffon petticoat which repeats the six petal motif of the

lace skirt but is ruffled and frilled. Sprays of lilies of the valley outline the full length of each panel.

The chiffon is mounted on organdy and has a crinoline of steel banding which, it is claimed, does not lose its shape with sitting.

Over 50 yards of fabric and some 1,000 sprays of lily of the valley have been used in the dress, foundation and petticoat, which took a picked team of 6 girls nearly 4 weeks to make.

Yet the whole outfit is only featherweight—an essential quality for a wedding in California where the bride can be trilled. Sprays of lilies of the valley outline the full length of each panel.

Twenty-year-old Maureen Connolly chose the petal motif for her wedding to Mr Norman Brinker, a well-known United States Olympic horse rider, because she says that she is certain that it was the "petal" tennis dress which Teddy Tinning made for her which brought her luck at her Wimbledon debut.

To complete the bridal outfit, Mr Ange Thearup, one of the Queen's milliners, has made a headpiece of nylon lace and orange blossom, in the British tradition, with a nylon full veil.—China Mail Special.



Miss Mariene Dee is seen wearing the wedding gown which has been specially made by dress designer Teddy Tinning for tennis champion Maureen Connolly.

NEW ZEALAND'S TALL WOMEN ARE WAGING A

Campaign For Clothes To Fit

Auckland, New Zealand.

NEW Zealand's tall women are on the warpath.

"Tired of futile visits to dress shops and of making their own clothes, they have formed an organisation to present their case for garments in their fittings to the manufacturers.

Modelled on United States and British associations, the New Zealand Association of Tall Women has as its leader, 6ft 11ins Mrs A.G. Reay. Mrs Reay decided to organise New Zealand's tall women after observing the work of overseas bodies.

Qualification for membership of the New Zealand organisation is a height of 5ft 8ins. In

a country where tall women are common, this figure could possibly result in the association becoming very powerful and adding weight of numbers to its claim.

Apart from dress worries, the tall women find difficulty in getting shoes which will fit them and stockings which are long enough. They intend to take their complaints to these manufacturers, too.

Since the association was formed at Auckland late in April, applications for membership have come in from all over the country. Men were a topic at the inaugural meeting.

One girl said: "They are frightened to go out with us."

Said another: "Strangely, we only attract the shortest men."

"We shall have to get organised about men," added a third.

The formation of the women's association brought a plea from a man "that tall men start something too."

Writing to the "New Zealand Herald," he said: "I am 6 feet. Recently-made suits fit only where they touch. If the coat fits, the sleeves are too short. If the sleeves are long enough, the coat is too big. And the same disparity applies to trousers."—China Mail Special.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Remarkable Island

—Everyone But the Birds Had Wings There—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, found their friend the Tin Soldier studying a map and a big geography book. They stood for several minutes beside him without speaking, watching him as he slowly moved his finger from spot to spot across the map, shaking his head sadly as he did so.

Finally Knarf asked: "What are you doing, General Tin?" The Tin Soldier looked up with a start. On seeing Knarf and Hanid standing by his side, he smiled. But the next moment he looked sad again.

A Missing Island

"I'm looking for a certain little island," he explained. "I was there once, long ago. I can't seem to find it again."

"Can't we help you?" asked Hanid. "What was the name of the island?"

"It had no name," said General Tin. "It was just an island. It

was somewhere right here.... right in the middle of this ocean. But it was a wonderful island. It was the most wonderful and delightful and extraordinary island I wish-I could-be there island in the whole wide world."

General Tin sighed.

He walked away from the geography book and sat down by the window. "I'll tell you what was so wonderful and delightful and extraordinary about that island. The things that have wings and can fly in our country didn't have any wings and couldn't fly on that island. And the things that have no wings and can't fly in our country did have wings and could fly there."

"You mean," said Hanid in surprise, "that people like us could fly?"

"Indeed I do," said General Tin. "People could fly and birds could only walk. Horses had wings and butterflies didn't."

Knarf and Hanid stared at General Tin.

"No, I don't expect you to believe me," he continued. "But

it's true just the same. On that island people and horses and cows and dogs and cats all had wings and flew around with the greatest of ease. How well I remember the house I lived in when I was there. It was on top of the tallest tree. I didn't walk up. I didn't take the lift up. I flew up."

A Lot Of Fun

"They just grew on me," said General Tin. "They grew on everyone who lived on that island. You sat on a horse's back and the horse had wings. But not all the people lived in tree-top houses. Some of them lived on the top of steep cliffs or on great stone columns that rose up into the air higher than steeples."

General Tin stopped. "You can't imagine how much fun it was flying in the sunshine, or floating with the breeze on a fine summer's day. Sometimes I would spend the whole afternoon just circling round and round, a mile or so up in the air. The only time I felt sorry was when I watched the seagulls and the sparrows and the robins all walking on the ground, unable to get more than a few inches into the air when they jumped."



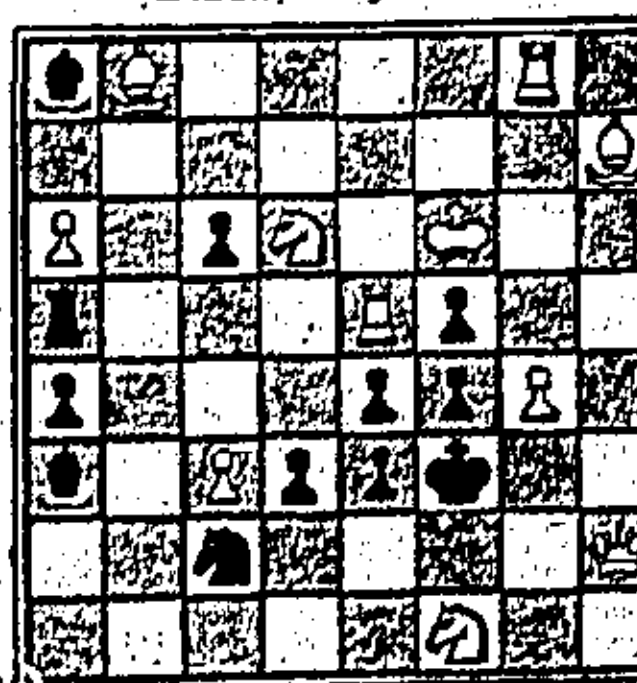
The Tin Soldier was studying a big geography book.

General Tin walked back to the geography book. "But I can't seem to find that island again! I know it's somewhere in the middle of the ocean... but where?"

Knarf and Hanid wished they could help General Tin. But when they looked at the map in the geography book all they could see was the big, blue ocean. They couldn't find any sign of that wonderful delightful-extraordinary - I - wish - I - could - be - there island!

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. PIATESKI
Black, 12 pieces.

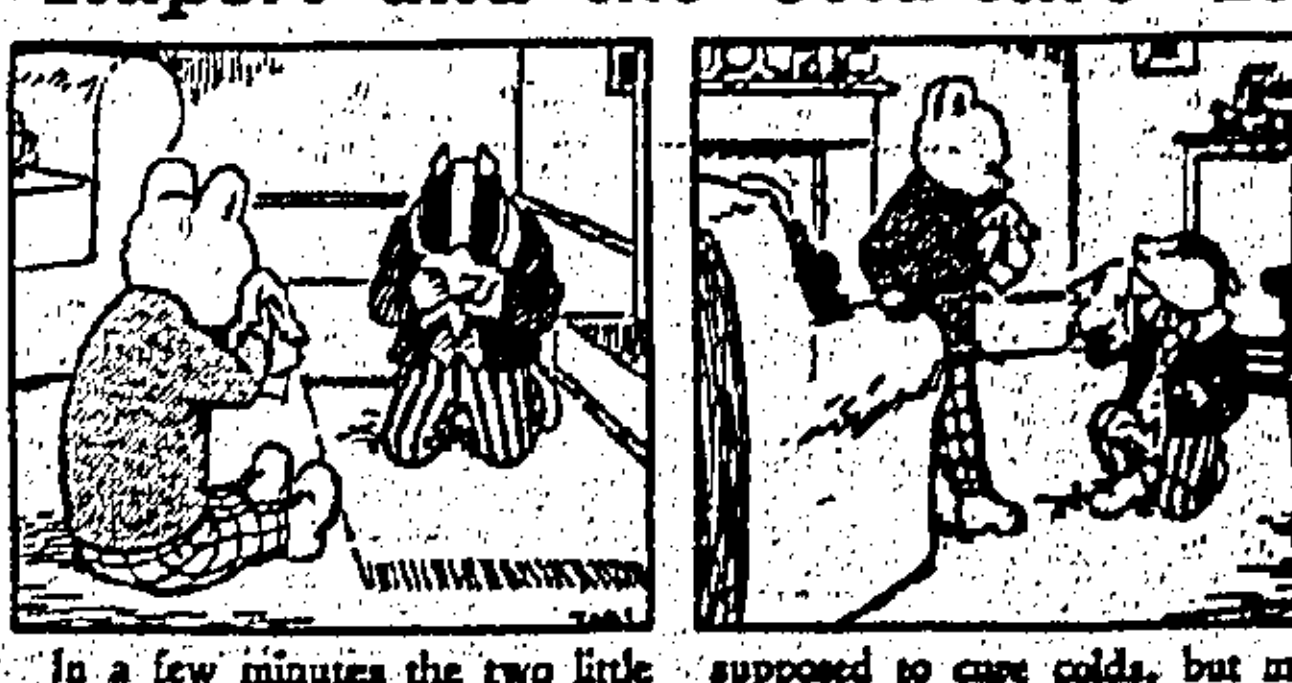


White, 11 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem.

1. Q-B7, any; 2. Q; or P mates.

Rupert and the Cold-cure-15



In a few minutes the two little pals are down on the floor feeling very sorry for themselves. "My eyes are streaming, I can hardly open them!" says Bill in a muffled voice. "So are mine," whispers Rupert. "Those tablets must be all wrong. They're

Another new Rupert—

RUPERT and the Birthday Surprise

Make-up Tricks Go A Long Way

By HELEN FOLLETT

THE difference between the good looks of the average girl and those of a beauty is often due to the way each one puts on her make-up. One goes about it casually and indifferently. She may not even use her mirror in a strong light. The other accents her good features, plays down those not so good.

Clever use of powder, rouge and lipstick can change and improve the symmetry of the face.

If the chin is narrow, needs rounding a bit, use lipstick in natural lines on the upper lip, but widen the lower one. For a thin-lipped mouth, lipstick is applied to accent the lower lines, then the lipstick brush is used to fill in.

To colour a rather large mouth, to make it appear smaller, choose a conservative natural shade, apply it heavily in the centre, let it do a fade-away toward the lip ends.

Experts say that the pattern of the eyebrows can lengthen or shorten the nose. If you want your nose to look longer, start the arch at the inner corners of your eyes, and carry it high to your temples. The idea is to direct the observer's eye along an unbroken line, from the tip of your nose to the high point of your eyebrow. If a long nose is to appear shorter, there should be considerable space between the eyebrows. It is a help to use two shades of powder, the darker one applied to the nose, the lighter tone on the cheeks. But blend them well!

Household Hints

Wash cotton gloves frequently, as soon as they become dirty. Dirt left in glove materials becomes difficult to remove.

The outer green leaves of head lettuce are richer in vitamins than the inner, bleached leaves.

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YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL

Taiwan Blue Eagles Succumb To Portugal's Heavy Bombardment

The Taiwan Blue Eagles succumbed to Portugal's heavy bombardment to lose 10-17 before a packed crowd at King's Park yesterday. Local pitcher Vic Pedruco was in top form, holding the Taiwan players to only two hits, and won the game 15-2 during his 3-inning performance. Cuscut Souza batted 100 per cent (4 in 4) and accounted for five RBI while Tony and Manuel Guterres slugged .666 (2 in 3) and .500 (1 in 2) respectively. The latter bagged a three-run homer which climaxed the early onslaught of the Portugal contingent.

The Eagles seemed shaky at the start and retired to bench quickly. When they took the field, they were rather erroneous and against a feeble stabler Portuguese boys hit as they wished and collected, no less than six runs before the side was out.

During the second the visitors went out one, two, three and again the local softballers were on the run. They loaded the bases after one down and the fielding side changed the pitcher.

But the relief moundsmen could not stem the wave of attack by the Portugal players. Though a forced out at home was made for the second down, Cuscut Souza lobbed the ball just over the shortstop for a hit and two runs came in.

Manuel Guterres cleaned the bases when he slugged the sphere way over between the left and centre fielders for a three-run homer. However, Vic Pedruco's unsuccessful fly ended the onslaught.

The Blue Eagles broke into the score column during the third canto as S. M. Chen first walked, advanced to second and stole third on N. S. Chang's hit. Both of them crossed the plate when Eddie Loureiro made a wild peg at home after collecting P. C. Chai's infield roller. However, the next three batters went out in a row and ended their turn.

COMPENSATED

Eddie Loureiro compensated for his error by a good hit and the bases were loaded when Junior Remedios and Carluo Yanovich were both passed. Though Tony Guterres popped and Gerry Remedios' grounder toward the windy alley forced out Eddie Loureiro at plate, Spiky Guterres fouled several times and at last belted the ball toward the keystone sack. The 2nd baseman missed. Two runs came in on that error.

Cuscut Souza connected a solid one toward the scoreboard for a triple and the bases were cleared for a second time. But he himself was erased at home for the last out when he attempted to make further advance. However, the game was already on ice as the score was now 15-2 in favour of the home team.

Then Vic Pedruco retired to the right field. Tony and Manuel Guterres were relieved by Google Marques and Joaquim Colloco.

Google took the mound and the game went on at slower pace as both sides did not make any headway during the next two frames.

In the sixth Google Marques became unsteady and, aided by some fielding errors, the visitors collected four runs. The local boys retailed with two runs also through miscues.

BEGAN HITTING

During the last canto the Blue Eagles began hitting. C. Y. Chen started with a three-bagger and made home on a bobbie of the fielder. W. T. Su followed with a hit and another fumble brought S. P. Fong safe on first.

C. H. Chang lofted vainly but N. S. Chang's timely hit scored both his teammates. He reached third on another error and dented the rubber on S. U. Lu's sacrifice grounder.

C. N. Fu came to bat with a man on third but he was put out on first to end the game. The final score was 17-10 in favour of the Portugal team.

The Taiwan players did not hit well as in their first game against Saints which they dropped by two to nil. They collected only five hits as against Portugal's 12.

The batting orders were: Blue Eagles—P. C. Chai (1b), S. Y. Hsu and S. U. Lu (2b), N. S. Fu (cf), H. C. Lin (cf), C. Y. Chang (rf), T. Su (cf), S. Fong (ss), C. C. Chang and S. M. Chen (p), N. S. Chang (3b).

Portugal—E. Loureiro (2b and ss), Jr. Remedios (3b), C. Yanovich (1b), A. Guterres (ss) and P. Marques (p), G. Remedios (1f), C. A. Guterres (cf), M. Souza (c), M. Guterres

(rf) and J. J. Colloco (2b), Vic Pedruco (p and rf).

Today, weather permitting, the Blue Eagles will play a baseball game against the Overseas at King's Park and no admission fee will be charged. The Taiwan players may be green at softball, but are good at baseball.

Baseball lovers are also reminded that the visitors will clash with the Braves, the local Baseball Champions of 1954, on Saturday, June 11, at 4.30 p.m. at King's Park. We shall know how good we really are at the ball game as baseball in Taiwan is as specier in Hongkong.

MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY



Jim Peters, the former British Marathon Champion, pictured with the United States Helms Medal after receiving it from the Duke of Edinburgh at the headquarters of the National Playing Fields Association. Peters was awarded the medal for his gallantry in the Empire Games Marathon at Vancouver. He collapsed near the finish of the race when he was leading the field.—Reuterphoto.

Freddie White's Death Is A Tremendous Loss To The Sporting World

Says ARCHIE QUICK

The man who can really be said to have placed the majority of County Cricket clubs on a sound financial basis and given them new hope for the future has met his death on the road. Genial Freddie White, of Shoreham, Sussex, was knocked down and killed on the Brighton front on his way home from the Sussex-Yorkshire match at Hove, and his going is a tremendous loss to the sporting world.

He it was who devised the scheme whereby weekly football sweepstakes came to the aid of the County Cricket clubs who were flying distress signals. In conjunction with a Worcestershire enthusiast he worked out the intricate details and I was privileged to be the third member of the meeting when the idea was launched.

In three years it has been a huge success, and in addition to being almost the sole reason the Sussex Club has been able to carry on, it has succeeded in Worcestershire and Leicestershire, to name but two other counties.

The details are much too involved to explain, but sufficient to say that just one of Mr White's collectors has grossed £10,000 in 1/- units in the last three years! It is fantastic. Multiply it dozens of times and you get something of what Mr White's dream meant to Sussex.

Of course there are prizes and administrative expenses to be deducted, but the net sum has enabled the County ground at Hove to be reconstructed out of all recognition to become one of the best in the country. It has bought bags, kit and equipment for young professionals. It has provided a benevolent fund for retiring professionals and a Welfare Fund for past professionals who are not too comfortably placed.

CHARITY MATCHES

Mr White ran the benefits which come round annually for the players and also organised the charity matches at the Duke of Norfolk's Arundel Castle, where the Duke of Edinburgh played.

Freddie was a very rich man and he devoted deeply into his own pocket to ensure that the expenses were deducted from the takings.

This remarkable man learned to fly when he was past 50. He was a good club cricketer and golfer. He succeeded in raising the money for four beds at the

Once The Four-Minute Mile Was The Goal, Now It Is Commonplace

When three runners in one race can beat the Four-Minute Mile and so join Roger Bannister and John Landy in a select band it is time, as Harold Abrahams recently said, we re-adjusted ourselves in the approach to middle-distance racing.

Once the Schneider Cup air race was won at 400 miles per hour and we marvelled. Such speed is now out-moded. Once a Four-Minute Mile was the goal, the objective of every athlete's ambition. Now it is commonplace. Where we once prized ourselves that we had a host of Millers capable of 4 mins. 10 secs. we must now dismiss them as second-class hacks!

The sights are now set on 3 mins. 50 secs. while the world's greatest coach, Franz Stampf, has gone on record as saying that any day, maybe this summer, Great Britain's Brian Hewson will finish 3 mins. 47 secs. It is fantastic. So were radar, jets, atom bombs and television.

New theories are also being brought to bear on the pacing of the race. The experts are now saying that the first half of a mile should be the slower, say 2 mins. 2 secs. as Hewson and Chris Chataway planned and trained all the winter for their Whitman White City effort. That is all against pre-conceived ideas. But it is paying dividends.

When Laslo Tabors, a 24-year-old soldier from Budapest, headed Chataway and Hewson in 3 mins. 58 secs. it was a sudden track completely unsuited for fast times. Yet there it was: one, two, three all sub-four minutes. Remember too that Tabors was Hungary's second stringer for Champion and European 1,500 metres record holder, Zdenko Jihor was down with six sicknesses.

Like Hewson, and Tabors, Jihor is a soldier, but his illness did not prevent him shooting down Geoff's Two Mile World record by as much as seven seconds. He may be

ENGLAND'S COUNTRYSIDE AND INNS FASCINATE DONALD O'CONNER

By MICHAEL RUDDY

"I'm going back to Glasgow, and Manchester, and Aberdeen and Newcastle and I'm going to motor through Yorkshire and Lancashire and Wales," said Donald O'Connor dreamily. "I want to see the countryside and stay in inns. I missed so much when I was in Britain last."

We were chatting between scenes of "Anything Goes." Wearing a white shirt with a lace and tuck front, and a white cardigan, Donald flopped in his dressing-room while stand-ins for him, Bing Crosby, Jeanmaire and Mitzi Gaynor went through their movements for the cameraman.

Nearby Bing was very busy with a pretty French girl. (Seems to me, Bing has a fondness for pretty girls, French, American or English.) He told his man Friday to escort her to the DeMille set around the corner. Phil Harris came in, told us about his daughter who's going to the same school in Arizona as Fred MacMurphy's daughter. "Great for them. They ride, learn to cook, run a house, sew and even milk a cow, even though it's most unlikely that they'll ever have to," said Phil, grinning.

FRANCIS SERIES

I asked young O'Connor—though he always seems to be, even though he's past thirty—about the Francis series. "Will he do any more? If they get a good story, I don't see why not. They are a lot of fun to do, and very profitable. But for the next few months, I'm not doing a thing except holiday," he said. He recently traded his Mark VII Jaguar on an enormous Cadillac El Dorado. "But I'll pick up a small car abroad."

Hollywood is full of beautiful girls chasing madly after talent scouts who are supposed to be trying to discover them. And the prettiest waitresses in the world are to be found in the restaurants, drive-ins, soda-fountains and cafes of Southern California. Waiting to be discovered.

Whips cracked. Egyptian overseers yelled, "Squalling dogs! Work!" as three hundred sad-looking men and women struggled under the burning sun to make clay for the bricks that would be used for the houses of Egyptians. Near me a dozen actors plodded in a mud pit, slowly stamping straw and mud together.

On the side of the hill, scores dug at the earth with crude mattocks and scores filled their baskets and dumped the earth into the mud-pit while overseers added chopped straw. One man stood out amongst the workers. He was tall and powerful, verily a leader among men.

I recognised Charlton Heston, the Moses of "The Ten Commandments" despite his mud-caked rags and I heard the voice of C. B. DeMille over the Tannoy system. "Don't flinch as that whip cuts into you. Just move a muscle. You've been whipped so many times you're used to it!"

GIGANTIC PROJECT

"The Ten Commandments" is being filmed and at Paramount you know it. Half the studio is devoted to the gigantic project. On sound stages are vast sets of the palace of Pharaoh and on the back-lot the Red Sea is being prepared for the crossing of DeMille's Children of Israel and by the gods, they'd better cross properly or they'll know about it.

The old master may be older, he's rising 74, but his tongue still has a lash. His satraps surround him as of yore. With handmaidens who carry notebooks and pencils and tape-recorders; and many assistant directors who hasten to his bidding; and Press-agents galore who issue the pronouncements and statements like Henry Wilcoxon, (who once sold suits at Pope and Bradley's, St Anne's Square, Manchester and did doughty deeds in DeMille's Crusades), who as an associate producer, has grown old and wise in the ways of C. B. DeMille....

RON BARTON STOPS BROWN IN ROUND SIX

Birmingham, June 9... Ron Barton, the unbeaten West Ham Light-Heavyweight, took another step up the ladder to a British title when he defeated Mel Brown, the experienced American, here to-night, the referee stopping the fight in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round contest.

It was a one-sided affair with Barton on top from the first bell. All the American had to offer was pluck and a determination to try and keep on his feet.

In another international Light-Heavyweight contest Yolande Pompey of Trinidad furthered her claims for a chance at the British Empire title when he knocked out the Italian Champion, Ivano Fontana, in the sixth round of their ten-round bout.—China Mail Special.

Ladies' League Tennis Title Decided

The United Services Recreation Club "1" team, inflicted a crushing 9-0 defeat on their reserve team, the USRC "2" to annex the Ladies' "A" Division tennis title at King's Park yesterday.

Results were:

LADIES "A" DIVISION
USRC (2) lost to USRC (1) 0-9
Mrs Underwood and Mrs McClean (USRC 2) lost to Mrs Paton and Mrs Petherell 1-6; lost to Mrs Petherell and Mrs Edwards 2-6; lost to Mrs Smith and Mrs Andrews 5-7.
Mrs Fairhurst and Mrs Kingdom (USRC 2) lost to Mrs Paton and Mrs Petherell 0-6; lost to Mrs Petherell and Mrs Edwards 0-6; lost to Mrs Smith and Mrs Andrews 4-6.
Mrs Irvine and Mrs J. J. Collaco (USRC 2) lost to Mrs Paton and Mrs Petherell 1-6; lost to Mrs Petherell and Mrs Edwards 1-6; lost to Mrs Smith and Mrs Andrews 1-6.
Mrs Ramchand and Mrs Costa (Recreo) lost to Mrs Getz and Mrs Miller 4-6; lost to Mrs Harrison and Mrs Fowler 1-6; lost to Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Kite 3-6.
Mrs Figueiredo and Mrs Silva (Recreo) lost to Mrs Getz and Mrs Miller 2-6; drew with Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Kite 0-6.
Mrs Xavier and Mrs Viana (Recreo) lost to Mrs Getz and Mrs Miller 0-6; lost to Mrs Harrison and Mrs Fowler 1-6; lost to Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Kite 0-6.

MEN'S "B" DIVISION
SCAA Beat HCC By 7-4-1/2
P. Poon and P. Tong (SCAA) beat K. Lo and A. Hui 6-2; beat C. Quang and H. Van-Dijk 6-1; beat D. Coffey and W. Oei 6-1; K. Hui and A. Hui (SCAA) beat Lo and A. Hui 7-5; beat Quang and H. Van-Dijk 6-1; beat Coffey and Oei 6-1.
M. S. Lee and T. Yiu (SCAA) lost to Lo and A. Hui 5-7; beat Quang and H. Van-Dijk 6-2; drew with Coffey and Oei 6-6.
KTGCA Beat HCC By 9-0
R. Liang and C. Chen (KTGCA) beat Fritham and Bickford 8-1; beat Mackie and Hopkins 6-0; beat Thompson and Talbot 6-2.
T. E. Lung and M. C. Hung (KTGCA) beat Fritham and Bickford 6-2; beat Mackie and Hopkins 6-0; beat Thompson and Talbot 6-2.
P. K. Ho and J. K. Tung (KTGCA) beat Fritham and Bickford 6-1; beat Mackie and Hopkins 7-5; beat Thompson and Talbot 6-0.

CRC Beat RAC By 1-1
Cheung Chau and K. K. Cheung (CRC) lost to Jenkins and Johnstone 4-6; beat Applebaum and Rainer 6-1; beat Walsh and Fator 6-1.
M. L. Chan and K. J. Lai (CRC) beat Jenkins and Johnstone 6-2; beat Applebaum and Rainer 6-1; beat Walsh and Fator 6-1.
S. L. Ma and T. F. Choy (CRC) beat Jenkins and Johnstone 6-1; beat Applebaum and Rainer 6-1; beat Walsh and Fator 6-1.
CCC "1" Beat HKU By 6-4-2 1/2
Joseph Hui and Eric Ferreira (CCC) drew with F. L. T. T. and Lee King-fun 6-6; beat Francis Ma and H. Lee 6-3; beat W. C. Ho and L. C. Chew 6-4.
H. H. Tsou and H. M. Liu (CCC) lost to Tsou and Lee King-fun 5-7; lost to Ma and Lee 2-6; beat Ho and Chew 6-4.

Norman and Leonard and Sot Faler (CCC) beat Tsou and Lee King-fun 7-6; beat Ma and Lee 7-5; beat Ho and Chew 6-3.
Recreo Beat CCC By 11-1/2
L. Marcal and A. Sains (Recreo) beat S. Leonard and B. Dhabar 6-4; beat C. E. Abbas and Y. P. Choy 6-3; beat P. V. Yap and J. Ku 6-3.

E. Ribeiro and D. Rodrigues (Recreo) beat Leonard and Dhabar 6-4; beat Abbas and Choy 6-2; beat Yap and Ku 6-4.

C. A. Goncalves and W. Lawrence (Recreo) drew with Leonard and Dhabar 6-6; beat Abbas and Choy 6-4; lost to Yap and Ku 1-6.
LRC Beat USRC By 6-3
Dr. G. B. Smart and E. Zalut (LRC) beat C. Y. Chen and P. F. Zau 7-5; lost to D. D. Yue and George Lim 5-7; beat Samuel Zee and K. Y. Chang 6-4.

E. B. Story and F. C. Stuckey (LRC) beat Lam and Zau 7-5; beat Yue and Lim 6-1; beat Zee and Chang 7-5.

A. Dow and S. Saul (LRC) lost to Lam and Zau 5-7; lost to Yue and Lim 2-6; beat Zee and Chang 6-4.

MEN'S "C" DIVISION (A Group)
HKCC Beat USRC By 5-4
E. Freeman and C. Pritchard (HKCC) beat P. W. Tang and B. S. Li 7-5; lost to S. Y. Lee and W. Y. Chan 7-5; lost to K. W. Tong and W. Y. Chan 1-6.

A. Hooten and T. Mann (HKCC) lost to Tang and Li 6-7; lost to Lee and Chou 2-6; beat Tong and Chou 6-4.

Milne and Nubigen (HKCC) beat Tang and Li 6-4; beat Lee and Chou 6-4; beat Tong and Chou 6-4.

Civil Aid Services

No. 22 Orders by the Hon. C. E. Terry, OBE, Commissioner, Civil Aid Services of June 10, 1955.

Pay Parades—Pay Parades for the undersigned units will be held at the following times: 20.55 (Monday), (Zone/Unit) Bay View Zone, Kowloon Command Post and Rescue Service.

21.55 (Tuesday), Transport Section, 21.55 (Wednesday), Shaukiwan Zone and Lungtong Zone.

22.55 (Monday), Western Zone and Central Zone. 23.55 (Wednesday), Upper Levels Zone, Aberdeen Zone and Hongkong Command Post. 4.15 (Monday), Despatch Service and Tungshui Zone.

G. T. Bova, Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Services, 10.8.55.

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DEATHS

DE SOUZA—Frederico Eduardo, an
Italian, 40, died at his home,
No. 10, St. Paul's, on June 9.
Funeral at 3.30 p.m. today.

PERSONAL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Board of Directors of
The Hongkong and Shanghai
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nouncing that an application
has been filed with the State
Banking Department, San
Francisco, California, for
permission to establish its
subsidiary The Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corpora-
tion (California) as a State
Bank incorporated under the
laws of California. It is
anticipated that the necessary
permission will shortly be
forthcoming and the newly
incorporated bank opened in
the near future.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONG KONG
PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of KENNETH
CHAN alias KENNETH
TYSON alias CHAN YUI BUI
(張永輝), late of No. 39, Con-
stant Road, Victoria, in the
Colon of Hong Kong, Mer-
chant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Court has, by virtue of Section
50(1) of the Probate and Adminis-
tration Ordinance (Chapter 10) made an
Order limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their claims
against the above estate to the 20th
day of June, 1955.

All creditors and others are ac-
cordingly required to send their
claims to the undersigned on or
before that date.

Dated the 3rd day of June, 1955.
LO AND LO,
Solicitors for the Administrators,
Queens Building,
Hong Kong.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"ANCHISES"
Damaged cargo on this vessel will
be surveyed by Messrs Goddard &
Douglas at Hoi's Wharf from 10 a.m.
on June 11 and 12, 1955, and con-
signees are requested to have their
representatives present during the
survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hong Kong, June 9, 1955.

SURVIVAL IN FAR NORTH

Canadian Air Force Tests New Equipment FIGHT AGAINST COLD

Ottawa, June 9.

A recent series of forced landings in the far north in which those involved escaped unscathed has called attention to the improved techniques for survival at sub-zero temperatures which have been developed by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Towards the end of April, the Air Force's "Survival School" at Cambridge Bay, Victoria Island, far inside the Arctic circle, is usually closed for the summer. But if the weather continues to be "favourable," i.e. cold, courses may be continued into May.

For it is there that trainees are taught the principles of fighting for life against cold. Chief among these is the psychological one of banishing fear, as well as such tricks as catching and eating lemmings, the mouse-like rodents of the Arctic.

TEN DAYS

But perhaps the most remarkable recent improvement has been the development of an emergency ration so compact that it can be stored in the small seat pack which forms part of a fighter pilot's parachute harness. Latest experiments have demonstrated that a pilot can survive for ten days on this ration, even though temperatures may go as low as 33 degrees below zero.

The experiments were conducted at a small lake, 175 miles north of Edmonton, in the Alberta bush. The purpose was to test equipment, rather than men, and the selection of "bush experts" with survival training was therefore avoided. The idea was to test the adequacy of survival equipment, with a view to improving it, as it would be handled by members of the average air crew if they happened to be forced to bail out in the far north in winter.

Nine air crew officers were chosen for the experiment. Some of whom were required to exist with nothing but their normal gear, a parachute and the emergency seat pack. Others were presumed to have crashed with their plane and so had more survival equipment available, though they had only the same emergency ration.

The toughest conditions were imposed upon three members of a fighter air crew, Squadron Leader G. L. Zaleschuk, Flight Officer J. M. Arsenault and Flight Officer J. T. Coch. These three were assumed to have bailed out and were therefore left at widely separated points to fend for themselves in isolation.

Each, in addition to normal winter flying clothes, had only an opened parachute and the seat pack containing two small parcels of food packs plus emergency equipment. The latter consisted of a clasp knife, a short range radio transmitter and a sleeping bag. A choice of other survival equipment was permitted to bring the seat pack up to full normal capacity, but extra items of food and clothing were not allowed.

NO LUXURIES

The seat pack measures only 14½ inches square by five inches deep, so that luxuries were clearly out of the question.

Each of the two food packs included weighed only two pounds, providing 2,500 calories of nourishment. This required the "survivors" to subsist chiefly upon 5,000 calories for ten days. The food consisted of jelly candy, shortbread, vitamin tablets and powdered coffee. An instruction sheet enclosed prescribed the daily ration as 2 packages of jelly candy, one package of shortbread and one of coffee, with three vitamin tablets.

A "meal" at this ration rate could be placed on the palm of the hand "with a lot of space showing" as one officer put it. Nevertheless, while the group of nine lost an average of eleven pounds each, all came through in perfect physical condition. One of the fighter air crew came through entirely on his emergency ration. Another managed to catch three birds and a squirrel and came out of the bush with half his emergency food ration untouched.

A party of three observers, established in relative comfort in a log cabin, stated the "survivors" each day to make sure that they had suffered no accident.

The Royal Canadian Air Force reports that while individual reactions varied, the group as a whole quickly became adjusted to conditions and learned to make use of the equipment, even without training.

Some showed ingenuity. One officer made a fish hook out of the metal eyelet of his seat pack and a line out of his parachute shroud. Using a bit of red

flannel for a lure, he actually hooked a large fish which, however, bit through the line leaving the angler with only an outside story about "the big one that got away."

UNPLEASANT TASTE

Another survivor found that coffee prepared in the metal food pack container took an unpleasant taste from the metal. Recalling the chemistry lessons of his school days, he was able to rectify this by the addition of a little charcoal.

But in the main, "Exercise Deepfreeze" provided a test of equipment and demonstrated the survival value of those two small 2-lb. food packets. Authorities are pleased with the results, although they will go on trying to improve the survival kit to be provided within severe limitations of space and weight. They emphasize that winter flying gear must be suitable for flying, in addition to providing maximum survival value in case of accident.

That the nine officers came through ten days of sub-zero weather both physically and mentally fit is taken as proof that emergency food rations and kit have been well designed for their purpose—to save lives if air crews are forced to bail out in the frozen north.—China Mail Special.

Small Cine Camera



The "Princess" cine camera on show in London for the first time at the British Photo Fair. The camera—measures 3 inches x 2 inches x 1 inch—is made by Finetwerk of Gosla, Western Germany. It will sell in England for about £25. Picture shows: This lovely young lady of the former Windmill Chorus has a preview of the tiny camera and takes a few feet of film—from the roof of the theatre.—Express Photo.

TAIL VOTE

Manila, June 9.
More than 37,000 rats were killed in a recent beauty contest on Barrio Wari on the island of Panay, the Department of Agriculture reported with elation today.

The Department, more concerned with the rat problem than beauty, neglected to find out the winner's name and measurements.

But they endorsed the contest rule stipulating that votes for the local beauty Queen be cast in rat tails.—United Press.

JAPANESE PERCIVAL PORTRAIT

Singapore, June 9.
A painting of British General A. E. Percival sitting in the Ford Motor Company's assembly plant building here shortly after Japanese forces occupied Singapore may still be in the United States, a Japanese painter said.

Mr. Hakutei Ishii, 73, who was one of several Japanese painters who completed the picture in Japan, said that the former Commander of British Forces in Malaya was made to sit before a Japanese artist at the Ford Building for three hours posing for the painting. The Japanese artist was specially flown in from Japan by the Japanese Army's propaganda section in Malaya.

Mr. Ishii, who is Professor of drawing and painting in Shinsu University and Nigata University, both on Honshu Island, said that the painting might still be in the United States where it was taken by the American Government in 1945.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.01. Children's Half Hour. "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll Part 1: "Down the Rabbit Hole" (BBC); 6.05. Popular Song Parade. "Country Dancing" from the West Coast. "Jolly Waggoners Square Dance Band" (BBC); 7.30. "Newspoint" A Weekly Magazine devoted to the Arts. Edited and introduced by Janet Turnbull. Books: Reviewed by B. P. Ruxton. "Eggs" by General Naguib. "Ben-Gurion of Israel" by A. Litvinov. "Oxford Today" by Charles Farr. No. 3. "Getting Down to Work" 7.59. "Weather Report" 8. Time Signal and The News (London Relay) 8.09. The 1955 Flag Day. Appeal for St. John Ambulance. 8.15. Artist of the Week. "Ruggeri Ricci" (radio). 8.30. London Studio Melodias—Ray Martin and his Orchestra with Ronald Harris and Norrie Paramor (BBC); 9. Time Signal. Music Lovers Hour. Requests presented by Alison Dekker (Studio); 10. "As the Folies-Bergere de Paris" 10.15. Letter from America by Alvin Cooke (Recorded London Relay); 10.30. Record Round-About; 10.59. "Radio News" 11. Time Signal. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15. Goodnight Music. God Save The Queen; 11.30. Close Down.

A Bang Over Russia AND LOS ALAMOS WAS REVIVED

Los Alamos, June 9.

Twelve years ago in April, Los Alamos, the city which changed the world, came into being.

The city was created in the spring of 1943 with one object—the atomic bomb. Situated in an isolated mountain area, the city was born as an Army boom town.

Its early appearance gave little indication that from its workshops and laboratories would come the first modern weapon which by its power would change centuries old political and philosophical ideas.

ARMY BOOM TOWN

As an Army boom town, Los Alamos was created in complete isolation. Its barracks and buildings were all ferry-built, in the haste of wartime necessity. Standard army-type buildings were reconstructed to suit the peculiarly alien to their original purpose.

Los Alamos was born in secrecy. Scientists and military men moved in with their families to carry on the important nuclear research. But to the outside world, there was still no such town as Los Alamos.

The only addresses were post office box numbers. When the first social group was organised in 1943, it presented problems. The first organisation was a troop of nine Girl Guides. Since Los Alamos did not exist, the girls were registered through the Guides' office in Santa Fe. In order to take hikes in the surrounding area, special written permission had to be obtained from the authorities.

Daughters of atomic scientists could attend the meetings, but were not allowed to enrol as Girl Guides because it might give a clue as to where their fathers were. From that humble beginning, the Girl Guides of this city have grown to a present day organisation of 640 girls.

ONE BUILDING

During its early days, one building served as the church for the community. Periodic services were held for Protestants. Different priests from nearby Santa Fe said Mass for the Catholics. The church services were held in Army theatre buildings.

The buildings saw a variety of scenes. On Saturday night, there would be dances. Sunday morning was devoted to church services, and during the afternoon residents could see a film in the same building.

Today, there are 120 clubs functioning in the modern community.

From a humble beginning, the Los Alamos school system has burgeoned into nine elementary schools and one high school. The original school building, now known as Central, is still in use.

All forms of activity were controlled by the Government for the first three years of the town's existence. Now there is a modern shopping centre operated by merchants who first gained concessions on the base in 1946.

Efforts are being made to allow citizens of the town to purchase their own homes, for the city is still owned and controlled by the Federal Government.

The Army boom town almost ceased to exist in the late 1940s. Scientists sent there during World War II were anxious to return to their College and research jobs after the end of hostilities.

Mr. Norris Bradbury, director of the Los Alamos laboratories, is given credit for keeping the town alive. When it was learned that the Soviet Union also has nuclear weapons, Los Alamos came to life again. Scientists there voluntarily went on a six-day week until development of the hydrogen bomb was completed.

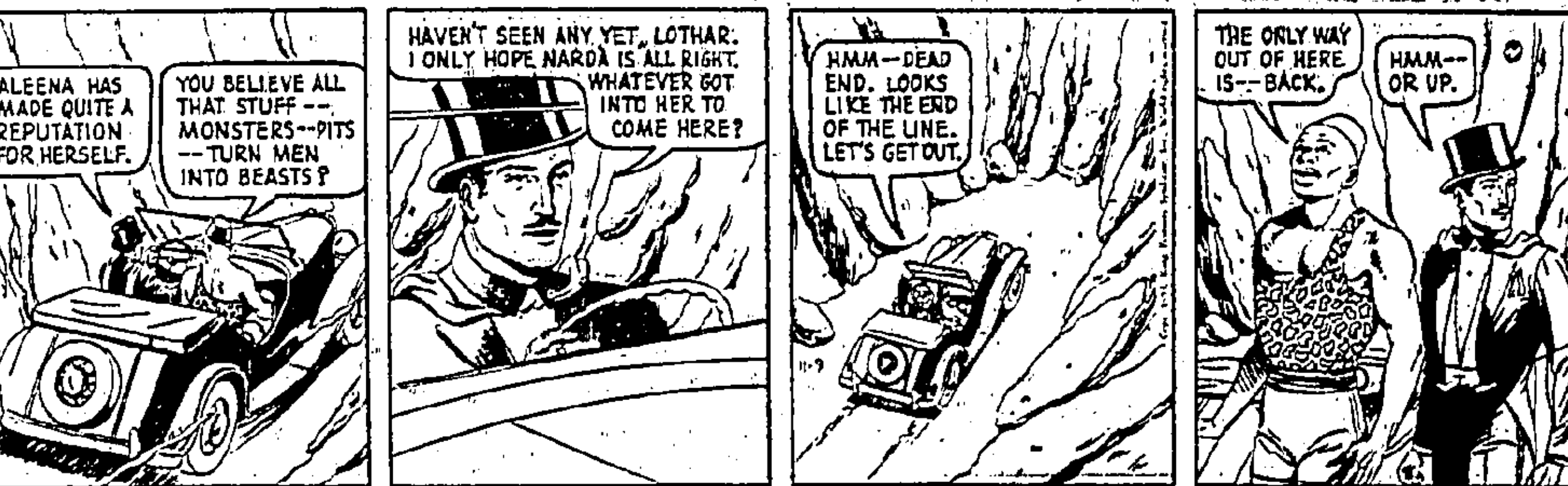
Mr. Bradbury sets a continuing need for the atomic city. Even though nations agree to control, the director says, it will be necessary to know what to control. Los Alamos has survived the transition from boom town to stable community. It has passed from a town of very buildings to a modern, well-equipped, up-to-date city.

Above all, it has become a cosmopolitan city set in the isolation of mountains and desert—a city created with a special purpose which sets it apart.

The work at Los Alamos has already re-shaped the world in many ways, and the New Mexico community seems destined for even greater things in the future.—China Mail Special.

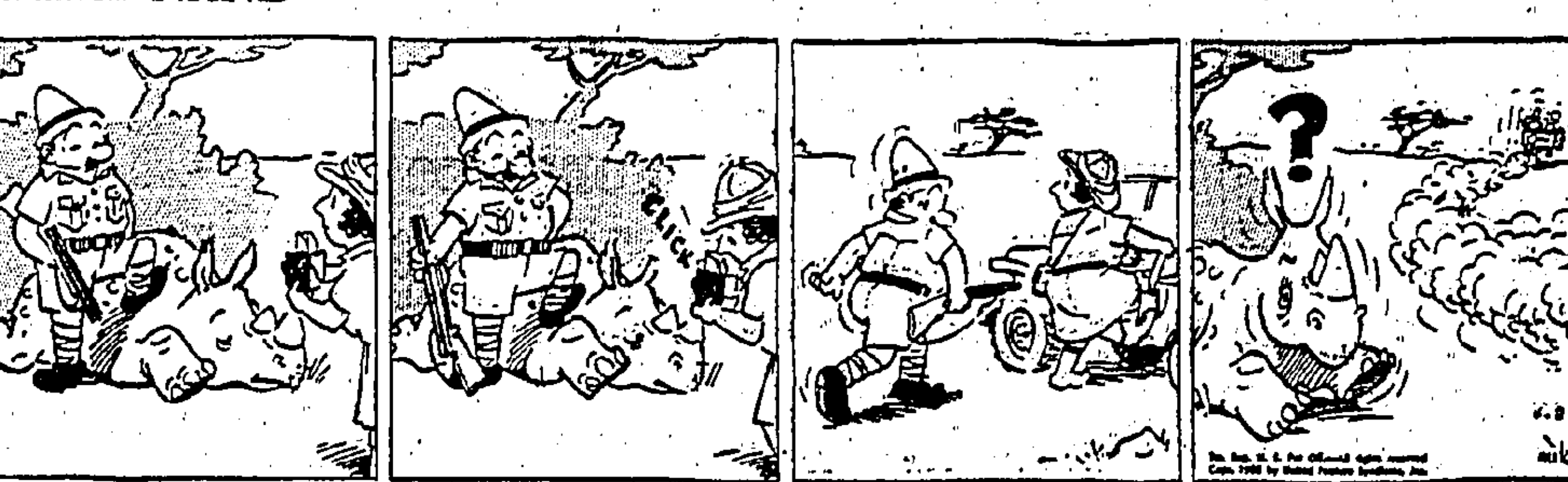
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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



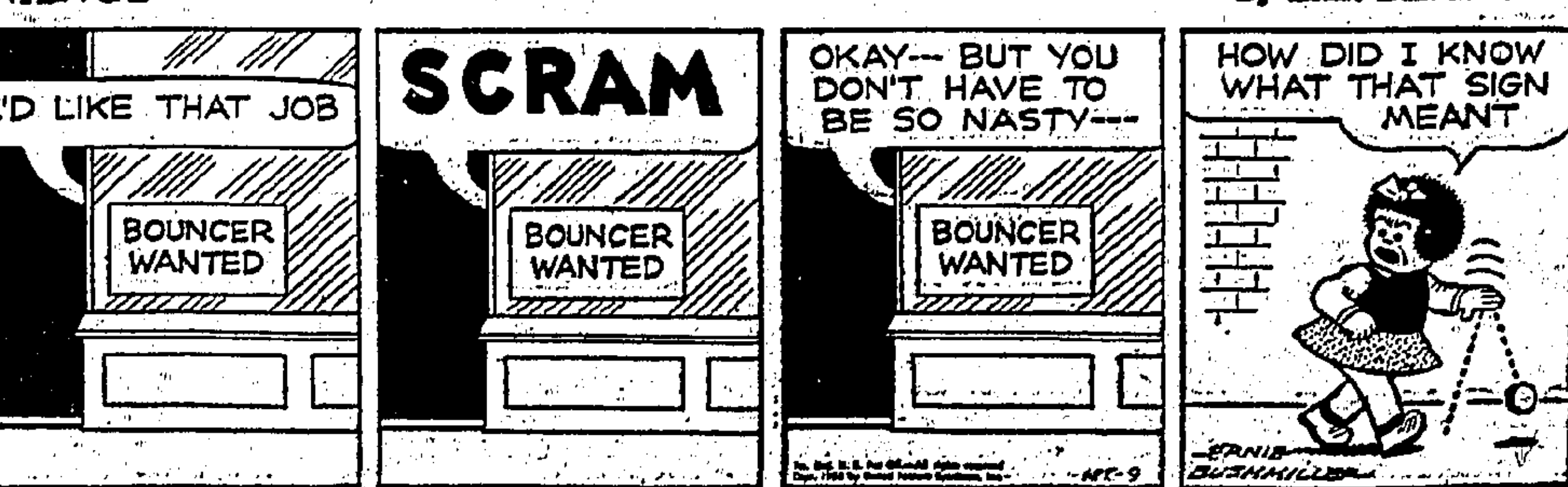
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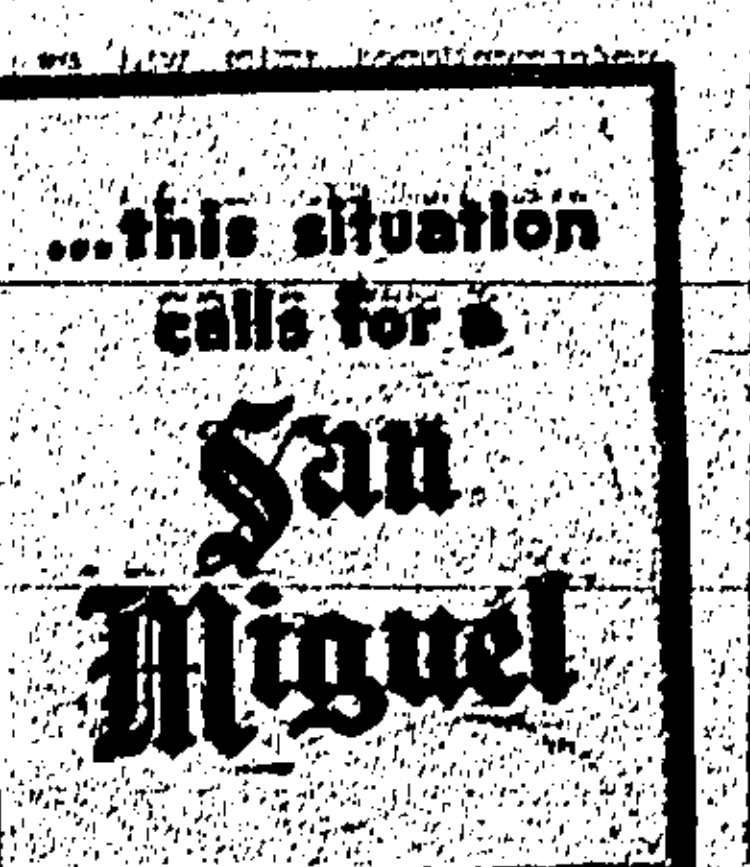
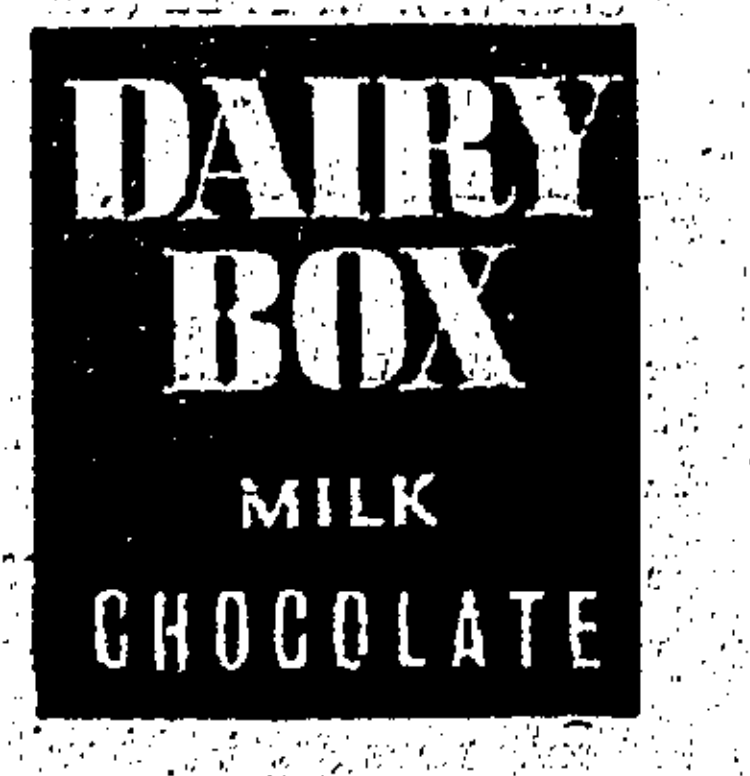
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shown below. Particulars regard-
ing parcel mail can be secured
by enquiry at any post office.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10
By Air
Perth, 3 p.m.
Borneo, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe,
6 p.m.
By Surface
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Korea, 3 p.m.
S.A. America, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, JUNE 11
By Air
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Aus-
tralia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
India-China, France, 3 p.m.
Japan, 4 p.m.
Holland, Belgium, 6 p.m.
Spain, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New
Zealand, Thailand, India, Pakistan,
Middle East, Africa, Great Britain &
Europe, 6 p.m.
Perth, 3 p.m.
China, Korea, 5 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
1 p.m.
Philippines, Ceylon, Middle East,
Great Britain & Europe, 1 p.m.
Korea, 2 p.m.
U.S.A., 3 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
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The Secret Life Of Gerald

SOMETIMES in the office, sometimes in his home, the things he was obliged to listen to, made Gerald feel ill.

At his home, in his presence, when visitors called, relatives or others whom his parents delighted to impress, would be told: "Oh, yes, Gerald's doing very well..."

Then his parents would turn to him, and seek to make him a party to the nonsense. "Quite the young man about town nowadays, aren't you, dear?" they would say.

Gerald would grunt and get away as soon as he might.

In the office things were not much better. His fellow-clerks would come in some Saturday mornings, holding their heads and pulling long faces.

MORNINGS AFTER

"YOU should thank your stars you're the stay-at-home type, Gerald," they would say. "We drank enough beer last night to float a company in."

Look at him, no bloodshot eyes, they jeered, exulting in their own mild occasional debauchery.

"No funny tongue," Gerald said nothing, but tried to get on with his work, though the figures in the ledger swam kaleidoscopically before him. He had taken a pull or two too many at marijuana cigarettes the night before.

105. A PACKET

GERALD was just 20, and making rapid progress towards becoming an addict of marijuana.

Someone in a raffish suburban set among whom he longed to move as an equal, had introduced him to the drug. What had started as an act of bravado had not finished up that way. He needed marijuana now, or thought he did, as much as he needed air to breathe.

Also he knew plenty of people who could keep him supplied with it—at 10s. for a tiny packet.

OVERDOSE

MUCH of the £6 10s. a week Gerald earned as a clerk, went on those small packets, but he managed to keep his vice secret from his family and from his colleagues at work, until the other day.

And then, although he thought himself so much above all of them in sophistication, it was his inexperience that gave him away.

Gerald dosed himself too liberally with the drug. A policeman found him unconscious on a West End pavement, and had him rushed to hospital.

There, a diagnosis was quickly made, and in Gerald's wallet were found several of the 10s.

STOP NOW... OR ELSE

THE magistrate, Mr Paul Bennett, VC, when he had heard the story, called in his probation officer, Mr Charles Morgan. "I am sure you know a great deal about this, as you do about so many things," he said, "will you see this man?"

Gerald was led away and when he was brought back Mr Morgan said: "He says he has periodic bouts of taking the drug, each week. I told him that either he must give it up now, or he'll end up in a mental hospital."

The magistrate turned to Gerald: "I don't want to punish you," he said. "I want to stop you doing this. What have you to say?"

"I can stay away from it if I want to," Gerald said with a shrug.

He was remanded on bail, ordered to report to the court periodically so that the truth of what he claimed might be tested.

"This way," the gaoler said, and Gerald was shown out, to return to his office desk, where he was thought to be such a dull clog, and to his home, where he was thought to be a son without a flaw.

Death Of Mr F.E. de Sousa

The death occurred today of Mr F. E. de Sousa, member of a well-known Hongkong family.

Mr de Sousa was one time secretary to the Hon. D. J. S. Crozier, Director of Education, and was recently transferred to the Personnel Section of the Police Department.

He leaves a widow, Elsie, (nee Collicott), a son and a daughter.

Also surviving him in Hongkong are four brothers, Messrs E. V. M. B. de Sousa, A. E. B. de Sousa, L. E. de Sousa, and two sisters, the Misses Aurea and Emily de Sousa.

One brother, Mr J. E. de Sousa, and a sister, Miss Lolita de Sousa, are in the United States.

REGISTRATION OFFICER

Mr R. A. Bates has been appointed by H. E. the Governor to be Registration Officer, it was announced in the Government Gazette today. Mr Bates' office is at the Registration of Persons Office, King's Road, North Point.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I've been wondering if these home gardens are so smart — if the farmer can't sell all his produce, won't it upset the national economy?"

Hongkong Bank To Open Branch In San Francisco

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation intends to open a branch in San Francisco, it was announced this morning.

An application has been filed with the State Banking Department in San Francisco for permission to establish the subsidiary—The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (California)—as a State Bank, incorporated under the laws of California.

A statement by the Board of Directors of the H.K. & S.B. announced that "it is hoped that the necessary permission will shortly be forthcoming and the newly incorporated bank opened in the near future."

A senior official of the Bank, in an interview with the China Mail, said that the object of setting up a branch bank was to offer customers a "complete" domestic banking service which would enable them to open current and savings accounts in San Francisco.

Although the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank has maintained an agency representation in San Francisco since 1875, the agency was not permitted to operate current or savings accounts, as it was not registered as a bank under Californian law.

SENIOR OFFICIALS

The three senior officials of the new branch will be Mr. S. J. H. Fox (President), Mr. R. M. Roche (Vice-President) and Mr. M. J. Callaghan (Cashier). Mr. Fox had previously been the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's agent in Swatow and has many years experience in the Far East; Messrs Roche and Callaghan have worked with the Bank's agency since 1920 and 1928, respectively.

The Bank's agency will continue to function. Opened in 1875 under Mr. W. A. Harries, it was situated at 401 Montgomery Street until 1921 when the building—constructed of Canton granite—fashioned in China—was torn down.

The agency is now located at 221 Sansone Street. However, space has been acquired on the ground floor of the new Equitable Life Building, and the Bank hopes to move to these new premises at the end of this year.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank established an agency in New York through Messrs Russell and Company in 1877. Two years later they opened their own office which is still in operation.

URBAN COUNCIL

The following appointments have been made by H. E. the Governor under the Urban Council Ordinance: Mr. J. P. Ascarappa to be Returning Officer; Mr. J. C. McRobert to be Assistant Returning Officer.

The Hon. J. A. Blackwood ceased to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council on the return to the Colony of the Hon. M. W. Turner, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

New Acting Puisne Judge

Mr. A. D. Scholes, District Judge, has been appointed Acting Puisne Judge during the absence of Mr. Justice C. W. Reece, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

The appointment of Mr. P. C. M. Sedgwick to be Commissioner of Labour, vice Mr. Macfarlane, (on leave prior to retirement) was also announced. Mr. Sedgwick has also been appointed Commissioner of Mines.

Other gazetted appointments were: Mr. R. T. M. to be Electrical Inspector, Class I; Misses M. G. Buchanan, M. R. Templeton to be Education Officers (Women); Mr. G. W. Parry to be Education Officer; Mr. D. H. A. Moore to be Estate Surveyor; Miss Jessie P. Sutherland to be Nursing Sister; Miss Jenny Cheung and Miss Chau Suk-chen to be Assistant Social Welfare Officers; Miss C. W. Leadbetter to be Acting Matron Class II; Miss D. Patterson to be Acting Senior Nursing Sister; Mr. I. W. Forsyth to be Acting Deputy Director of Public Works, vice Mr. Littlejohn (on leave prior to retirement); Mr. J. Alexander to be Acting Chief Engineer, vice Mr. Forzyth.

It was announced that Mr. A. Hooton ceased to act as Attorney General on the resumption of duty of Mr. Ridehalgh. Mr. M. Heenan ceased to act as Solicitor General on the resumption of duty of Mr. Hooton.

ACCORDED RECOGNITION

H. E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has recognised Mr. Oscar V. Armstrong as Consul for the United States of America at Hongkong, it was announced in the Government Gazette today. The recognition is provisional and pending the issue of Her Majesty's Exequatur.

His Excellency has accorded formal recognition to Messieurs A. Travers, A. Leroux, and M. Tournaire as Vice-Consuls for France at Hongkong.

WEISS CASE: DEFENDING COUNSEL'S SUBMISSIONS

In reply to Crown Counsel's submission at the hearing of a tax summons against Karel Weiss, sole proprietor of Messrs Karel Weiss, of Room 304, Central House before Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning, Mr. M. A. da Silva, Defence Counsel, alleged that Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, had "thought fit, like David of old, to cast a personal slingshot at his elders."

Mr Silva said that the effectiveness of Mr Rea's trying might have been better, if "in his attempt to make headlines, he had not borrowed the slightly out-worn pebbles of McCarthyism," if he, Mr Rea, in attacking his elders had not been "plagiaristic in aping his elders."

Mr Silva was making his submission on the allegation by the Defence against the assessor, Mr R. J. Hardy.

Defendant is alleged to have defaulted in payment of business profits tax amounting to \$4,801.28, in respect of the year of assessment 1951-1952.

At the start of the hearing this morning, Mr Rea, continuing his submissions, referred the Court to Section 75, Sub-section 1, of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, Chapter 112. By provision of the section, Mr Silva could make no submission which went to disprove the contents of the Commissioner's certificate.

In other words, no evidence could be called to try to show that the figure of \$4,801.28 said to be the tax in default in the certificate was wrong. The figure was final and conclusive.

Mr Silva objected to Mr Rea's submission.

Continuing, Mr Rea said it was quite clear that this Part 12 had set out the procedure whereby tax in default was recovered. Concluding, Counsel said that the Court could not consider the matters which Mr Silva was putting up now.

Opening his submissions, Mr Silva alleged that Mr Rea had thought fit to cast a personal slingshot at his elders.

"COMPLETE NONSENSE"

Continuing, he said that the complete nonsense of Mr Rea's reference to attacking a person who could not defend himself (Mr Hardy) was illustrated by the fact that Mr Hardy by his intimate knowledge of these matters was the particular one person who could have been called by Mr Rea. Mr Hardy had avoided cross-examination by keeping out of the witness box, and instead, the Court would recollect, a Mr Derby was called as a witness, a witness who clearly showed under cross-examination, that he, (Mr Derby) knew nothing whatsoever of these matters.

The second factor was that Defence Counsel had repeatedly asked Mr Hardy to go into the witness box where if he had dared, he could have defended himself against the very serious allegations Counsel had brought out into the open earlier on in this enquiry.

"One would have thought that if Mr Hardy had been as blameless as Mr Rea tried to make him out to be," said Mr Silva, "then Mr Hardy would have been only too eager to step into the witness box and answer to the question that I would put to him, but as repeatedly as the invitation was made, just as repeatedly it was not accepted."

Mr Silva alleged that Mr Hardy was unable to defend himself, only because he could not defend himself in the witness box. Mr Rea had repeatedly referred to the flimsy evidence on the allegation against Mr Hardy, and he had done this in the hope that in due course the Court might come to believe that the evidence was in fact flimsy.

Mr Rea forgot and ignored certain clear evidence that in this matter, Mr Hardy had acted "either as an illogical, inconsistent fool, or as a bullying bureaucrat."

"I prefer to believe, and to submit that Mr Hardy is no fool, and that his illogic, his inconsistency was born of the personal malice evidenced by his remarks housed in obscene language to Mr King concerning Karel Weiss," said Mr Silva.

SOLID FACTS

Mr Silva said there were solid evidential factors proving his accusation of Mr Hardy as a bully and an autocrat. He referred to the evidence of Mr Weiss of an occasion in September, 1952, in which defendant alleged he heard a remark made by Mr Hardy.

"True, Mr Rea had, as I said, given notice that he personally did not accept the evidence of Mr Weiss in that regard, and very truly indeed Mr Rea had cross-examined Mr Weiss, and put it to him that his evidence in that regard was a lie. He then went on to analyse the evidence and said it was flimsy and criticised defendant for daring to make any allegation whatsoever against Mr Hardy."

"But Mr Rea has forgotten one elemental rule: putting it to a witness that he is lying is by no means sufficient in a matter of this nature. Otherwise, it would be tantamount of Counsel giving evidence to the contrary from the Counsel table merely by way of saying: 'I put it to you that you are telling lies.'"

"You must, of necessity, call evidence to the contrary before you can ask the Court to disbelieve that evidence and hold to the contrary."

"Before Mr Rea is in any position to question that part of the evidence, he should have called Mr Hardy to the box to prove that Karel Weiss was telling lies. No such thing occurred. He called Mr Weiss and called the evidence of Mr Weiss to call evidence to the contrary, all he was entitled to do was to suggest it to the contrary in cross-examination, and on that suggestion, he would be bound by the answer and would not be permitted to proceed further on the same point."

"This clearly illustrates what I meant when I said earlier on that it is an impossible position for Mr Rea to suggest to you not to believe Mr Weiss's version—the only version in evidence—when he has not contradicted it by evidence of his own."

Hearing is continuing.

Sentences Reduced On Appeal

Two men, sentenced to a total of 10 years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane on two counts of armed robbery, successfully appealed against their sentences on the grounds that it was unduly excessive, before the Full Court, comprising the acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and the acting Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, this morning.

Each of the appellants gained a reduction of two years in their sentences, to date from the date they were originally imposed.

The appellants, Tang Kam and Ng Bee, were given terms of six years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane and four years' imprisonment on two counts of armed robbery. First appellant claimed that he had not committed any offence before and had aged parents in need of care.

The Court pointed out that appellant had a previous conviction for aiding and abetting, which appellant admitted.

Second appellant declared he was forced by circumstances to commit the robberies. He also said he had an old mother who was dependent upon him.

Giving the Court's decision, Mr Justice Gould said: "The Court takes the view that the previous convictions in each case are not of a very severe type and that the sentences were perhaps a little more than was justified in the circumstances. Your appeals will be allowed on the grounds that the first count will be reduced by a year and that on the second count also reduced by a year. The sentence on second appellant on an arms charge remains unaffected."

OTHER APPEALS

The appeals against sentence and one against conviction. The appeals against sentence were allowed on the grounds that the sentences were excessive. The appeal against conviction was dismissed.

FOR CHANCE

Placing that he was not the principal offender but had merely assisted in the commission of the offence, Wan Ching-chun was given a sentence of three years for a chance in his appeal against a sentence of four years for breaking into an office with intent to steal.

The Court said that in view of the nature of the offence and also the appellant's previous convictions for breaking into shops, leave to appeal must be refused.

An appeal by Tan Ching against a sentence of three years for burglary and larceny was also refused. The Court pointed out that appellant had been a previous offender for offences of a similar nature and did not consider the sentence to be excessive.

MAN WITH KNIFE

The appeal against conviction was made by Keng-chun, who was sentenced to three years in the District Court for robbery with aggravation.

Appellant admitted he had a knife but claimed he was merely passing the knife to someone who was robbing someone of a wrist watch. No watch was found on him when he was arrested. He had also used the knife to threaten someone, and the fact that he still had the knife was proof of his intention to use it.

Dismissing the appeal, Mr Justice Gould said: "The main evidence against appellant was that, at the time of the robbery, he was carrying a knife."

FAILED TO REPORT FACTORY ACCIDENT

For failing to report an accident which resulted in personal injury to a female worker, Mr A. R. Osborne, Manager of the Danemann Manufacturing Company, 302 Shun Ning Road, ground floor, Kowloon, was fined \$500 by Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning.

Osborne was fined on the first charge under the provision of Section 14 (1) of the Workers Compensation Ordinance, Cap. 28, of 1953, which required him to give notice in the prescribed form to the Commissioner of Labour of an accident. The charge stated that the defendant had without reasonable cause, and as soon as was practicable, after the accident, failed to comply with the provisions of the Ordinance.

He was cautioned on the second charge under Regulation 15 (1) of the Factories and Workshops Regulations, in that he failed to report within a period of seven days the occurrence of the accident.

Mr J. T. Wakefield Labour Officer, prosecuted on the first charge and Mr M. A. Cheng, Labour Inspector, on the second charge.

FINGER INJURED

Mr Wakefield said that on February 16 this year the female worker, Yung King-sheng, in the employ of the Danemann Company, which manufactured watch boxes, was injured while operating a power press. This resulted in the loss of two falanges of the left index finger.

The case came to the notice of the Labour Department through an anonymous source. Later the Labour Office investigated the matter, and confirmed the accident.

Mr Osborne, pleading guilty to both charges, said the management was at that time ignorant of the law. He said a total of \$350 had been paid to the injured worker as compensation, including 13 days wages while she was absent from work.

Duke's Birthday Celebrated

Royal salutes of 21 guns were fired at noon today by the Royal Navy from HMS Tamar and by the Army from Signal Hill, Kowloon, in celebration of the birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh.

His Majesty's ships and American warships in port were dressed overall for the occasion.

Appointed To Examiners Board

Mr J. Moodie has been re-appointed by H. E. the Governor to be a member of the Board of Examiners for pilots licences, it was announced in the Government Gazette today. Captain H. J. Cairns has been appointed to be a member of the same Board during the absence of Captain B. E. Bidwell.

LEGAL ADVISER

H. E. the Governor has appointed Mr J. C. McRobert to be a member of the Medical Board, and also a member of the Pharmacy Board as legal adviser, during the absence of Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

IPs Appointed

H. E. the Governor has appointed the following to be Justices of the Peace for Hongkong, it was announced in the Government Gazette today: Mr W. S. Collier, (Official); Messrs Yung-hung, P. G. Nigel, R. A. Wadeson, and P. C. Woo (Unofficial).

complainant, who was undoubtedly robbed of a watch. Complainant had said the appellant was one of four men who had held him up, and had identified appellant as the man who had struck him a blow and produced a knife. He further said he had not lost sight of appellant when he was running away and saw him stopped by a policeman.

His Lordship added that it was not the function of the Full Court to try the case, that was the function of the Trial Judge.

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